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## Proposed budget to increase tuition

BY MATT LINDEBOOM  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Pending approval, Loyola may be raising tuition for another year, this time by six to 6.5 percent. The increase would apply to all classes including the incoming class of 2012.

"I haven't seen any major move [inside the budget committee] to increase it beyond the six percent, in fact, there is probably some resistance. Because, what we're finding out in the market place is that the average increases are hovering just around six percent," said John Palmucci, Vice President for Finance and Treasurer for Loyola College.

Such tuition increases are not new. The College uses a tuition strategy that, in part, takes a look at colleges and universities of similar quality and academic reputation to set a mark for its tuition goals. Price increases occur every year.

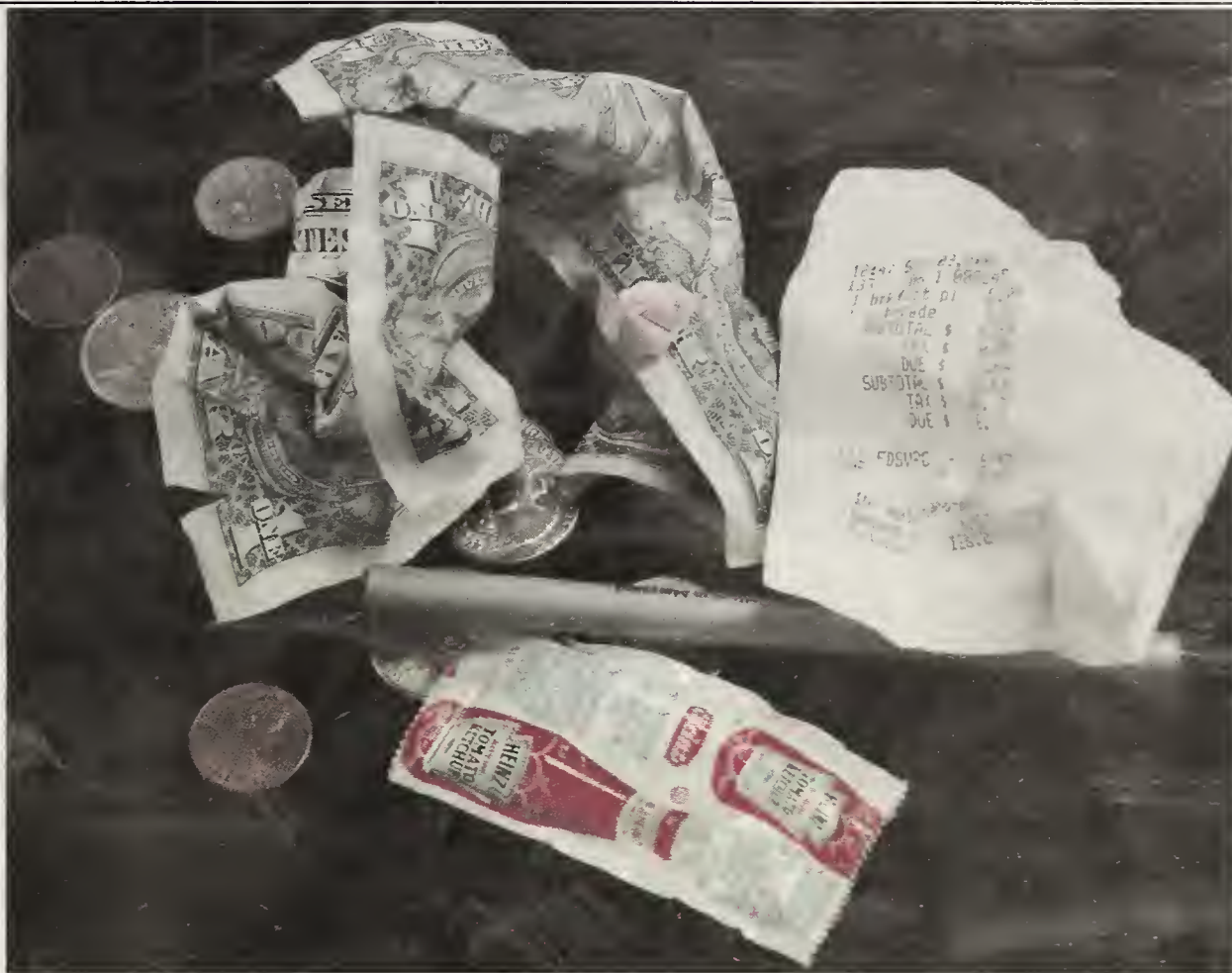
"We targeted ourselves around the Villanovas and the Fairfield. Specifically, we set our tuition strategy as to be under Villanova and above Fairfield. There are basically two or three above and two or three below, so we want to be right in the middle of that range," said Palmucci.

While Loyola is not a price leader, this year's proposed increase comes at a time when skyrocketing pricetags for American universities are even creating discomfort for some U.S. Senators.

In late January, the Senate Finance Committee asked for detailed records from 136 of the wealthiest universities in the U.S., including Harvard, Berkeley, and Yale, in regard to how the institutions raised tuition over the past ten years, gave out financial aid, and managed their endowments, according to *The New York Times*.

The majority of the nation's colleges and universities, including Loyola College, were not included

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As students graduate and leave the friendly confines of Loyola's campus, they will be greeted by a national recession, and a weak dollar.

## It's the economy, stupid

BY CAIT ROHAN  
STAFF WRITER

Look around Loyola's campus and you'll see a great display of materialistic wealth. Students proudly don designer labels on the quad, on Saturday evenings, and even to the FAC. Looking at Loyola's campus one would not see that America may be in for an economic crisis. Even if you know nothing or don't care about economics, a recession will affect everyone. For many of us seniors, for whom reality's grim bells toll just a few short months away, this is an even more serious matter.

"A problem with the economy is its susceptibility to psychological influence," says Timothy Schrader, a Loyola senior Finance major and Economics minor. "Consumers hear in the news that a recession may be looming so they get concerned about their economic future and stop spending money... So people's fears of a recession actually have the potential to end up causing it. It's a 'self fulfilling prophecy' where the consumers actually cause the recession they are fearing."

Business majors, especially juniors and seniors who are looking for jobs are especially concerned. But all job fields will feel the economic recession.

Stephen J.K. Walters, Professor of Economics at Loyola predicts that graduating into a recession will lead graduates to take lower paying jobs. Walters also says that graduates may find themselves switching jobs. Certain jobs may

be more affected than others.

"In particular, earnings losses from temporarily high unemployment rates are minimal for workers with two or more years of work experience and are greatest for labor market entrants," says Walters. "Among graduates, those with the lowest predicted earnings suffer significantly larger and much more persistent earnings losses than those at the top."

Despite these hardships, graduating seniors may still be successful if they exercise caution and think creatively.

"As for the graduating seniors, they need to think more carefully than they might have to in a more robust economy," says Dr. F.G. Hank Hilton, S.J., the Economics Department Chair and an associate professor of Economics at Loyola. Hilton says that the recession will actually favor a few industries. He also states that jobs will be available in parts of the country with booming bank industries.

Hilton also stresses that students need to remember that students are not permanently stuck working at their first post-graduation job.

"Sure it helps to get big-name firm on the resume and sure it helps to find a job that opens the door to a terrific business school, but most students should be thinking in terms of five year plans, not life-long plans," says Hilton. "The five year plan should include a work experience that they really want to have -- one that they would take even if the pay were lousy (and perhaps it is great) and most Loyola grads should be thinking about their next experience of

school -- either in a professional school (business, law, medicine) or arts and sciences. When the look down the road includes that perspective it both appears to be more manageable and becomes more manageable."

Although students must exercise caution, economists encourage us to have hope.

"The economy is huge-a handful of people be they students or graduating seniors, can do little to help it," says Ashvin Rajan, a Loyola Economics professor. "This is the job of the Fed, and it is run by very capable, very smart people. Other countries are also acting. The European Central Bank is pumping \$500 billion into its economy to stimulate it. The world certainly seems a lot more aware of what is coming, and this is encouraging news."

Economists point out that the economy has endured other struggles such as the 1987 stock market crash, the dot com bubble and Sept. 11.

"I suspect that we will all survive the Subprime crisis just as well as we survived the other crises and that the world is not, in fact, coming to an end," says Dr. John M. Tobin of New York City, an investment analyst for a major, global, financial services firm and colleague of Dr. Hilton. "Indeed, with the Fed acting so aggressively and the President and the Congress trying to come up with the biggest fiscal stimulus package in this election year, I am beginning to think the recession will be over before we can confirm

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## Jesuit Identity Week 2008

## Students participate in week of Jesuit activities

BY CARIN MORRELL  
STAFF WRITER

Loyola Squares, a Hollywood Squares likeness held on Thursday, January 31, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in Knott Hall, represented just one day of the third annual Jesuit Identity Week. The week, which was sponsored by Campus Ministry with the help of the Student Government Association as well as the Green and Grey Society, consisted of a variety of events to increase students' knowledge of our Jesuit roots here at Loyola College in Maryland.

The game consisted of Jesuit-themed questions asked by Associate Director for Judicial Affairs Christina Spearman. The questions were then answered by panelists Emily Rauer Davis, Fr. Chuck, S.J., Fr. Amiot, S.J.,

Fr. McDermott, S.J., Fr. Jack, S.J., Xavier Cole, Fr. Ruff, S.J., Fr. Conley, S.J., and Fr. Borges S.J. Two student contestants would then agree or disagree with the panelists' responses in order to "win the square" in this version of tic-tac-toe.

"I was approached by Don Pitcher and Connor McNamara to participate," said Davis. "I jumped at the opportunity." Davis attended undergraduate at Holy Cross and has been very involved with the Jesuits since that time. She now works in Campus Ministry.

Raffle tickets were distributed upon entry, and contestants were drawn in three rounds to participate in Loyola Squares. The first round was Senior Resident Assistant Christopher Nicolas versus a sophomore contestant, the second, sophomore Colleen Strong versus senior Jessica Faulkner, and the

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- Quotes of the Moment -

“My mamma used to say, you keep using the same ingredients, your making the same cake. If you make a new cake, you got to change the ingredients.”

Rapper turned actor Ice-T quoting his mother's old adage while referencing Britney Spears recent personal problems.

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“We have unfinished business before us, and the American people expect us to get it done.”

President George W. Bush, in his State of the Union address last week. His final State of the Union address covered the economy, the war, and the course of American foreign policy in the Middle East.

Cease fire reached in Chad

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CNN reports that rebels who entered the Chadian capital of N'Djamena and engaged in fighting there agreed to a cease-fire Saturday. Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi and a rebel leader, Mohammed Nouri, spoke by telephone on Saturday. Nouri agreed to a cease-fire and to talks aimed at implementing a peace and reconciliation agreement, JANA reported. But rebel spokesman Mahamat Hassane Boulmaye said he had not heard of any cease-fire and did not believe Nouri would agree to an unconditional end to hostilities, *The Associated Press* reported. Security sources in N'Djamena said at least 400 rebels troops remain in the city.

Blast Kills Afghan Governor

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According to the AP a Taliban suicide bomber blew himself up Thursday inside a mosque in southern Afghanistan, killing a deputy provincial governor and five other worshippers in the latest assassination of a senior official in President Hamid Karzai's government, officials said. The attack came hours after a suicide car bomber struck an army bus in the capital, Kabul, killing a civilian and wounding four other people.

The assaults suggest that the militants could continue their bombing campaign this year after 2007, when they launched more than 140 suicide missions. This constitutes the highest number since the removal of the Taliban in the U.S.-led invasion of 2001.

Large gas field found off Iran

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*Al Jazeera* reports a gas field with huge reserves has been discovered in the Gulf off the coast of Iran, Gholam Hossein Nozari, the Iranian oil minister has said.

“A gas field with an estimated reserve of 11 trillion cubic feet (311 billion cubic metres) was found by an Indian company in the Persian Gulf,” Nozari said on Saturday. Nozari declined to reveal the name of the company but said “there will be talks with the discovering company for the field's development if they are interested.”

Iran has the world's second-largest proven gas reserves after Russia and it has ambitions to export gas to a host of countries including Armenia, Pakistan and Syria.

Polar bears on thin ice

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*The Los Angeles Times* reports the Bush administration is nearing a decision that would officially acknowledge the environmental damage of global warming, and name its first potential victim, the polar bear.

The Interior Department may act as soon as this week on its year-old proposal to make the polar bear the first species to be listed as threatened with extinction because of melting ice due to a warming planet.

Both sides agree that conservationists finally have the poster species they have sought to use the Endangered Species Act as a lever to force federal limits on the greenhouse gases linked to global warming, and possibly to battle smokestack industry projects far from the Arctic. “All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others,” said Kassie Siegel, an attorney with the nonprofit Center for Biological Diversity. “And then there is the polar bear.”



French President and Ex-Model Wed

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CNN reports French President Nicolas Sarkozy married former model Carla Bruni on Saturday at the Elysee Palace, according to the official who performed the ceremony. “The bride wore white; she was ravishing, as usual,” Francois Lebel, mayor of Paris' eighth arrondissement, or neighborhood, told Europe-1 radio. “The groom wasn't bad either.”

Sarkozy, 53, and Bruni, 40, were married in the presence of about 20 close family and friends, Lebel said. He called the ceremony “a moment of family intimacy for the young newlyweds, of great simplicity and apparently a lot of affection between the spouses. It was a historic occasion, “the first time in the history of the Republic that a president has got married in office,” as Lebel said.

Sources : *Al Jazeera* , *AP*, *CNN* , *LA Times* , *Moscow Times* Pictures : *NY Times* - Steven Arlington

Senior class gift campaign to kick off

The Class of 2008 voted to support the addition of a Greyhound statue to be displayed at Loyola's future Intercollegiate Athletic Complex. This state-of-the-art athletic facility, to be completed in fall 2009, will feature a 6,000-seat grandstand and promises to strengthen Loyola's continued ascent in NCAA Division I intercollegiate athletics. The statue of Loyola's mascot will welcome students, alumni, parents and friends as they gather to cheer on Greyhound student-athletes for years to come.

In addition to the tremendous pride the Class of 2008 has in Loyola, this legacy gift also represents the spirit and unity that the athletic teams have provided for the senior class during their four years on the Evergreen campus.

The Senior Class Gift is a 20-year Loyola tradition that strengthens class unity and creates strong communication networks. The Class of 2008 Senior Class Gift campaign continues until graduation. The goal is 65 percent class participation or more. Seniors may give a gift via cash, credit card or Evergreen Card, or they may pledge their support, payable by May 2009.

Please visit the Senior Class Gift Web site, <http://www.loyola.edu/supportloyola/evergreen/Senior%20Class%20Gift/seniorclassgift.html>, to make a gift or pledge today. If you make a pledge, you do not have to pay it until May 2009.

Campus Ministry Internships

Have you ever seriously considered a deeper level of commitment to Campus Ministry? If so, then come and find out more about Campus Ministry Internships for 2008-2009 school year. You'll learn what interns “do,” what is required, how to apply and what keeps our interns excited about working with us!

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-Monday, Feb. 4 at 8 p.m. in Cohn Hall 33

If you'd like to learn more but can't make either meeting, please contact Pete Rogers at [pdrogers@loyola.edu](mailto:pdrogers@loyola.edu) to set up an appointment.

New Ethics Hotline

To better facilitate the reporting of inappropriate situations, the College has recently contracted with EthicsPoint, a web-based “hotline.” EthicsPoint provides a confidential, anonymous

mechanism for the reporting of a wide variety of activities, from accounting and auditing matters to harassment to plagiarism.

Loyola's EthicsPoint forum is available online at [www.loyola.edu/ethicspoint](http://www.loyola.edu/ethicspoint). Individuals can also file an EthicsPoint report by calling 1-888-263-8680.

Using a shared computer? Don't forget to log off.

Loyola's shared classroom and lab computers can be great tools of convenience for members of the Campus Community, but far too many of us forget to log off when we finish our work. When you use shared workstations to access your G: Drive, campus E-mail or BlackBoard and forget to log off, all of these items are available to the next user, putting your personal information at risk. This information can easily be read or copied without your permission or knowledge, which can lead to a wide variety of undesirable circumstances.

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If you have any questions about this procedure, please contact the Technology Service Center at ext. 5555.

Campus Police Blotter

Selected excerpts from reports

Thursday, Jan. 13

An officer was dispatched to 4400 Millbrook Road and Coldspring Lane. Once on the scene, the officer met with the individual who claimed that his tire had been stolen from his vehicle. He stated “someone used a grate and propped up and removed my front passenger tire. I parked my vehicle there approximately at noon and went to class, when I returned my tire was gone.” Base contacted the Baltimore City Police Department, but due to inclement weather declined to respond, stating that they were only handling emergency calls.

Wednesday, Jan. 23

A Baltimore City Police officer working part-time at Loyola College, was working a plain clothes detail in the 4400 block of Millbrook Road because of an increase in thefts from vehicles in that area. The officer saw a suspect riding a bike in the area of Millbrook Road and Reservoir Lane. He then observed the suspect peering into cars. He approached the suspect and conducted a field interview. The officer requested additional manpower to question the suspect. After LCPD arrived an interview took place. A screw driver was taken from under his bike seat, and according to previous reports the suspect was on probation due to priors involving car theft, theft from a vehicle, and other burglary charges. At the time he had no current warrants. The vehicles the suspect was looking into contained items ranging from iPods and cell phones to CDs and loss change. The suspect was not charged and the scene was cleared at 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 25

At 3 a.m. a LCPD officer responded to a noise complaint involving students. Upon arriving at the building the officer could hear loud talking and yelling coming from the apartment. The officer knocked on the door and noted the smell of marijuana. After knocking for two minutes a student answered the door. When asked why he didn't open the door he stated that “we thought you'd go away.” Alcohol was observed in plain view, and the officer asked about the odor of marijuana. Both students denied using the drug. Noise citations were issued, the scene was cleared at 3:40 a.m.

-compiled by Michael J. Calabrese





ED ANDRESKI/DENVER POST

Republican presidential hopeful and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney addresses supporters at a campaign stop in Denver on Feb. 1, 2008.

## Romney: McCain wrong for country, economy

By CHUCK PLUNKETT  
THE DENVER POST

Citing his strong business and economic experience, Mitt Romney argued in Denver Friday that John McCain would be wrong for the country in the current climate.

Speaking before an overflow crowd of about a thousand at a Denver Ford dealership, Romney reminded those gathered that McCain had said the economy isn't his strong point.

"I think at this time, we need a president for whom the economy is a strong suit," the former Massachusetts governor and successful businessman said.

Romney's observations about the Arizona

senator appealed to Charlie Pollard, a manager at CH2MHill.

"I think Mitt is the choice for the Republican Party, and I hope people are realizing that," Pollard said.

Pollard said he thought McCain was conservative on national security, but "liberal on everything else."

Romney spoke for about 17 minutes before an enthusiastic crowd which interrupted several times to chant, "We want Mitt! We want Mitt!"

Romney replied, "You got him!" And, "You still got him! You're getting the full Monty here."

Romney's appearance comes as McCain appears to be the front runner headed

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## SGA nixes pay proposal

After a restful holiday vacation, and productive Winter Training session, the members of the Student Government Association reunited on Tuesday, January 29, in Knott Hall B01 for their first full Assembly meeting of the year.

Vice President of Policy, Ryan Kamp, began the discussion with a freshly devised proposal concerning SGA compensation. The statement, which supported a modest stipend for the members of the Executive Cabinet, was introduced, debated, and finally defeated in an 11-23-2 vote.

Mike O'Keeffe, Vice President of Social Affairs, and Cat Smith refocused on upcoming events; specifically Mardi Gras at the FAC. Set to take place on Saturday, February 23—with an exciting 10 pm - 2 am running time—the event is expected to resemble "FAC Attack on steroids." Students attending this late-night bash can look forward to being amused and entertained by countless games, contests, and relay events.

Paulina Stachnik, Director of Communications, and freshmen assembly members, Keelin Boyle and Allyson

Sabbagh, reported on their success of securing support from Director of Transportation, Collins Downing, for their plans to implement a monthly shuttle program to the Towson Town Center. The new service, expected to begin sometime next month, will be open to all students, free of charge.

Finally, Omani Guy -- on behalf of the Junior Class -- enthusiastically suggested sponsoring a campus-wide Body Image Day. Noting women as the traditional target audience for such campaigns, Guy hopes to extend awareness to the male population, and educate Loyola students on the dangers negative image perception (with the help of lollipops, facts, and hugs, of course). Guy hopes to form a committee, and determine concrete steps of action over the upcoming weeks.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place at 9:00 pm, Tuesday February 12, in Knott Hall B01. As always, the SGA would like to extend a warm invitation to all members of the student body to join the discussion, and share questions, suggestions, and opinions of their own.

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# Most students confident in ability to pay for college

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in this list. For the most part, the list contained universities with endowments of over \$1 billion. Loyola's endowment has been valued from \$175 million to as much as \$195 million, recently, according to Palmucci.

"One part of the budget is how much is going to be allocated to institutional financial aid programs," said Mark Lindenmeyer, Director of Financial Aid.

Currently, Loyola College costs \$41,600 annually, which includes tuition, room and board, and additional fees. An average freshman student may receive over \$19,000 in need based aid and other loans, according to The Princeton Review, an annual publication that ranks schools on a number of factors, including price.

The average cost of private universities topped \$30,000 in 2006, according to National Public Radio. Though, in the same year, 53 percent of incoming Loyola freshman expressed only marginal concern that they would not be able to fund their education, according to the New Student Survey. 38 percent said they would have enough funds. Nine percent had major

concerns.

"We're very aware – not only the Loyola Conference, but the President's cabinet – that costs continue to become more and more of an issue to families, today, in affording higher education," said Marc Camille, Vice President for Enrollment Management and

Communication.

"That's one of the reasons that beginning last year, and continuing with the class that would enroll this fall is we've made the commitment to meet their full demonstrated need in financial

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aid."

While concern amongst families will naturally rise with every raise in tuition, Robert Franek, Vice President and publisher of The Princeton Review, thinks costs will inevitably increase as the years march forward.

"Generally speaking, schools are very expensive, physical plants to run, as well as small empires, frankly. When you're talking about students, administrators, faculty, and support staff – we mentioned the physical plant – you have all of the buildings, recreational facilities, and classrooms – these are expensive ventures," said Franek. "Although some sticker prices at many universities are very high, and continue to go up some staggering percentage points."



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Palestinians traveled Saturday along a section of the border fence between Gaza and Egypt that was breached in January.

## Hamas and Egypt work to seal Gaza Border

BY ISABEL KERSHNER  
McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

JERUSALEM — Hamas said Saturday that it would cooperate with Egypt to close the breached border between Egypt and the Gaza Strip on Sunday.

Mahmoud Zahar, a senior Hamas official, said his group's gunmen would be removed from the Gaza side of the border and that efforts would be made to avoid any violence or confrontation with Egyptian border guards. Mr. Zahar spoke on his return to Gaza after taking part in talks with Egyptian officials in Cairo.

Hamas, the militant Islamic group that controls Gaza, blew up sections of a wall along the border with Egypt on Jan. 23, days after Israel sealed its border crossings with Gaza in response to intensified rocket fire against Israel. Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians have since crossed in and out of Egypt to stock up on supplies and other merchandise.

On Friday, Egypt tried to stop Palestinian vehicles from crossing the border but Hamas militants were seen removing the metal barricades and spikes laid down by the Egyptian police.

"Egypt's message was very clear, that Sunday should be the day to put an end to this scene," Mr. Zahar told the Arab television station Al Jazeera on Saturday. He added that border control would be restored "gradually."

In initial statements made upon their return to Gaza, Hamas officials did not repeat a demand by the group for a central role in controlling the border crossing, but said the operation of the border should be an Egyptian-Palestinian matter and not subject to Israeli control.

Before the Hamas takeover of Gaza last June, the Rafah crossing between Gaza and Egypt was regulated by an agreement brokered by the United States after Israel withdrew from the area in 2005. Under its terms, forces loyal to the Palestinian Authority president, Mahmoud Abbas, controlled the Gaza side of the crossing in conjunction with European Union monitors, while Israel supervised the comings and goings from afar by video camera.

The crossing operated sporadically, with Israel deciding when it would be open or closed, citing security considerations. The crossing was formally closed in June when Hamas routed the forces loyal to Mr. Abbas and the European monitors left.

Mr. Abbas and Egypt favor returning to the 2005 agreement. Mr. Abbas was in Cairo for talks last week, and Javier Solana,

the European Union foreign policy chief, was scheduled to arrive on Saturday for talks with President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt and other senior officials.

Fawzi Barhoum, a Hamas spokesman in Gaza, said Saturday that the European monitors would be welcome to return to Rafah, as long as their work was not subject to Israeli dictates.

Israeli officials said they would also be in favor of reviving the 2005 agreement. But it was not yet clear whether Israel would be demanding a supervisory role by video as in the past. "We don't want to be the party that undermines an agreement," said one Israeli official, speaking on condition of anonymity. "We want to be supportive of Egypt, of President Abbas and of the European Union," he said.

The official added that whatever solution emerged must not jeopardize Israel's security needs. He also said there was some skepticism in Jerusalem about whether the 2005 arrangement could still work. Even if Mr. Abbas placed his best people at the border, the official said, they would be vulnerable to pressure from Hamas.

An Israeli government spokesman, David Baker, said Saturday that "Hamas continues to destabilize the Gaza Strip and plunge it into mayhem, to the detriment of the Palestinian people."

Israel has strictly controlled the flow of goods into Gaza since the Hamas takeover there, hoping to pressure Hamas into changing its positions, or to erode support for it among Gaza's largely impoverished population of 1.5 million.

The Hamas leader in Gaza, Ismail Haniya, was quoted Saturday in the pro-Hamas newspaper Palestine as saying that Gaza must forge stronger economic ties with Egypt as a way of disconnecting from Israel.

Several Israeli officials expressed a similar hope that Gaza would look more toward Egypt and become less dependent on Israel after the breach of the border in January.

Egyptian security forces arrested at least 14 Palestinian militants found with weapons and explosives on Friday and Saturday in the Sinai desert, not far from the breached Gaza border, according to news reports.

On Saturday evening, Palestinian militants launched six rockets at Israel from Gaza, and one landed in the Israeli border town of Sderot, an Israeli Army spokeswoman said.

Taghreed El-Khodary contributed reporting from Gaza City.



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## Romney takes his shots at McCain as Super Tuesday approaches

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into Super Tuesday, in which Colorado and 20 other states hold Republican contests.

Because the GOP's contests at the state level are winner-take-all, observers say McCain could wrap up the nomination then and there.

Meanwhile conservative pundits, like radio personality Rush Limbaugh and columnist and writer Ann Coulter are championing Romney, and casting McCain as a liberal disguised as a Republican.

Romney argued he was running on conservative ideas and values because he believed that, without those traits in the country's president, "America could become something less than it's always been."

"Unless we get back on track, our country could become a second-tier nation," Romney said. "Let's show them that that can't happen."

Romney's visit was hastily patched together, and held an unusual charm in its departure from his normally tightly run ship.

The one constant was the support he enjoyed from several prominent

Colorado GOP officials, including Sen. Wayne Allard and Bob Beauprez, a former congressman and gubernatorial candidate.

The rally also was hopelessly crowded. Most of the attendees filled unusual spaces, such as the glass cubicles of the sales agents

trail, and humiliating losses to less-cerebral candidates like the more folksy Mike Huckabee and the so-called "straight talking" McCain, Romney dropped the inflection points.

He talked of his time in business, in which he amassed a personal

fortune estimated at \$350 million, as time spent "helping bail small businesses out of trouble," and his time as governor as "helping bail the state of Massachusetts out of trouble."

He talked about American cars, saying, "I've got myself a Ford Mustang. That's one cool car."

After the rally, Pollard and his wife lamented that they thought McCain probably would win Tuesday, which was a newly disappointing notion for her. Bobbie Hickman, also of CH2MHill, said she had been for McCain until this week, when watching him debate Romney changed her opinion.

Romney won her over, she said. "He sounds solid."

**"Unless we get back on track, our country could become a second-tier nation. Let's show them that that can't happen."**

**- Republican candidate Mitt Romney in runup to Tuesday's primary blitz.**

at Freedom Ford, its upper-floor offices, and even in the service bays and parking lots.

In past visits to Colorado, Romney has talked about "historical inflection points," a phrase he had borrowed from a Harvard historian to emphasize how crucial a time he believed America faced in terms of fighting Islamic terrorists and surviving in a quickly changing global economy.

After months on the campaign

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## Fun and games accompany Jesuit week

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third, sophomore Matthew Butcher versus Mary Genetti. Morrell, Strong, and Butcher each won their games, leading them into an exciting final round for the prize of an iPod Touch. In a close game between Morrell and Strong, Strong pulled through to win the game as well as the iPod.

Loyola Squares pulled a fairly intimate crowd of approximately 25 students, while other events from the week such as Wednesday's Theology on Tap with Dr. Pomplun of the Theology department gained a larger crowd.

Theology on Tap, held at 7:30 p.m. in the Sellinger VIP Lounge discussed the "Jesuit ideal of Discernment" according to the descriptions released for Jesuit Identity Week, and allowed

students over 21 to enjoy food and drink at the lecture.

Other events for Jesuit Identity Week included a Sunday Mass celebrated by Fr. Linnane, S.J. at 6:00 p.m., an 8:00 p.m. lecture on Monday, January 28 entitled "One Society, Many Cultures" in which students were invited to meet Jesuits from other parts of the world, a Jesuit High School Alumni Gathering on Tuesday evening, and a Wednesday afternoon Jesuit Residence Open House held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

In addition to the Theology on Tap on Wednesday evening and Loyola Squares on Thursday, the weekend concluded with a weekend Manresa Retreat from Friday, February 1 through Sunday, February 3 held at Rising Phoenix Retreat Center.



# OPINIONS

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## — THE GREYHOUND EDITORIAL — Heavy on econ., light on answers

This week it seems that *The Greyhound* found itself in choppy economic waters. The two top stories featured worry over the state of our nation's economy, a weakened U.S. dollar, and raising costs — tuition and otherwise — despite a downturn in jobs. (17,000 lost in January, according to the *NYTimes*.) Are we in recession? We cannot pretend to know the answer outright — the politics are too much and the invisible hand too complex. But it sure feels like one.

The question raised by news topics in Feb. 5's issue seems to be: how are students affected, if at all, by economic hard times? As of 2006, Loyola students seemed to be confident in their ability to fund their educations, according to a Loyola survey. But two years and a three-quarter's rate cut later, the answers are not so clear. What does it all mean for students? The rate cuts the Fed enacted following last month's market free fall may inject some much needed confidence in investors, but it also encourages inflation. Caitlin Rohan's article pointed out that as students graduate from Loyola into an inflation-heavy economy, they may be taking jobs that pay less.

On the other hand, Jimmy Bassett's column in the Jan. 29 issue of *The Greyhound* warned that there are two or three or four sides to every coin, in the case of the U.S. economy. For example, for those students studying abroad in Asia, where the dollar is at its strongest in some places, a weakened U.S. dollar (which a rate cut only weakens further) means their traveling dough will not go as far. But, for graduated students working or teaching in Asia, a weakened dollar means their salaries — if in foreign currency — will potentially be worth more.

Students, no matter where you end up in the end, will be affected by this state of affairs, one way or another. Despite the seeming complexities of the economy and the markets in which we find ourselves, it is in the best interests of every student to educate themselves by reading and discussing the issues.

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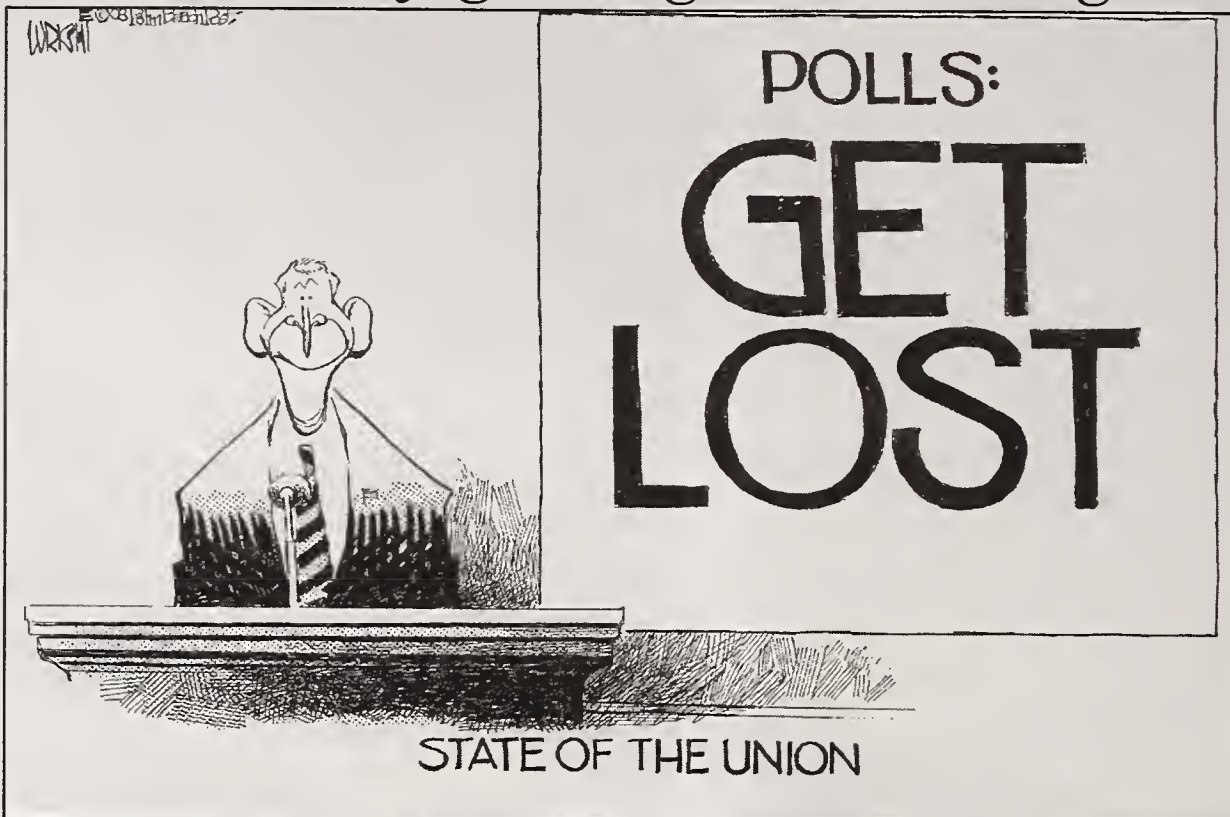
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## ■ Not exactly getting the message



### March celebration of life, hope for students and Jesuits

As the sun rose over Baltimore city on Jan. 22, twenty members of Loyola Alive, Loyola College's pro-life club, were stirring and traveling down to Washington D.C.

These students, Jesuits and faculty members braved the cold and showed their support in the 35<sup>th</sup> annual March for Life.

The march commemorates the infamous anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision, which legalized abortion nation-wide.

The goal of the March for Life is to gain support to help Washington overturn the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision, specifically by having a rally in the nation's capital.

Before the march, the U.S. Jesuit Conference held a mass for Jesuit high schools and universities at St. Aloysius Church.

Countless Jesuit schools had traveled from around the country including Marquette, Xavier, Loyola of Chicago, Boston College, Fairfield and St. Josephs as well as many others colleges and high schools.

Father Matt Monning S.J., presided over the mass and

discussed the new Superior General of the Jesuit community, Fr. Adolfo Nicolás S.J. Fr. Monning also praised the numerous Jesuit institutions for their attendance and also stressed the importance of promoting the involvement of young people in the pro-life movement.

After the mass, a brief coffee and pastry reception was held in the church basement and shortly thereafter, the march was under way.

The march was a great success with more than 200,000 pro-life supporters coming to Washington D.C. to show their support.

The Jesuit schools all stayed together for the march, despite the multiple hour wait for the march to begin.

The march showcased the great support for the respect of life, but it also highlighted the conflicting viewpoints within the movement over the subject.

These differing ideas being the more moderate marchers versus those who were more radical and forthright in making their opinions felt.

Needless to say, the march was an uplifting and hopeful example of the future of the pro-life movement.

The march for life is typically viewed as a demonstration for reversing abortion and the *Roe v. Wade* decision.

But abortion is only one of the many aspects that Catholics need to be aware of. Loyola Alive supports the Catholic teaching of the pro-life issues or, as Pope Benedict XVI refers them "The Seamless Garment."

The Seamless Garment is the respect of life from conception until natural death and the respect for all life issues, opposing abortion, capital punishment and euthanasia. The March for Life was a great indication of the hope for the future of the pro-life movement and Loyola Alive hopes to continue to educate the community in the future.

Sean D'Alfonso '11

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### Poll Question of the Week:

What do you think about the new city-wide smoking ban?

- A much needed change for the city.
- An infringement on my habit.
- Wait, there is a smoking ban?

Last issue's poll: (Results not scientific)

What are your thoughts on Third Eye Blind coming to Loyola?

- Awesome! I love them! (52%)
- I can't say I'm a fan. (17%)
- A good decision, the ticket prices...not so much. (19%)
- Who is Third Eye Blind? (12%)



## B-more schools spending wrong money for the wrong reasons

Paying kids up to \$110 for improved test scores?

Are you kidding me?

The *Baltimore Sun* reported on Jan. 23, 2008 that the Baltimore school system was planning on paying high schools students

**ANDREW ZALESKI**

anywhere from \$25 to \$110 for improving test performances on the Maryland state graduation exams.

Using a little under \$1 million of an allocated \$6.3 million set aside to aid students in passing Maryland's High School Assessments, the Baltimore school system is proposing to establish a progressive pay scale of sorts, in which greater improvement on the graduation exams will yield a greater profit for high school students having difficulty passing the exams.

And the funding and allocation for this endeavor is coming from public tax money.

Are you kidding me?

In other words, Baltimore will pay high school students for doing what they're supposed to be doing -- passing. That's analogous to giving your employee a Christmas bonus for not embezzling company funds, or giving me some monetary handout for not getting arrested and thrown in jail.

"Congratulations, you haven't been arrested in the past year!" "Great! Wait, was I supposed to have gotten arrested?"

The whole aim of this endeavor is to give underachieving Baltimore students a reason for wanting to perform well in school.

The Baltimore school system probably

knows as well as anybody else that money can serve as an excellent motivational tool. The concept of giving some sort of incentive in return for some level of performance isn't exactly a novel idea.

Parents have been employing this tactic on their elementary school-level children for quite some time. If you get an "A," that's \$10, a "B," that's \$5, and so on. It's not that big a deal.

But, I do have a serious problem with a school system trying to play mommy and daddy, especially if they're trying to parent kids in high school.

Giving kids in elementary school money for top performances in their academics is alright. Chances are this sort of motivational tool will be phased out as kids learn that hard work and a willingness to achieve are valuable skills to have and concepts to practice.

But is it possible to teach such life lessons using the same set of tactics to high school students? After all -- and we have all been teenagers at some point in our lives -- how open are high school students going to be to learning why it's so important to perform well in school?

Aren't they just going to be focused on the dollar signs?

I would be willing to wager that such an incentive program will not be viewed by struggling high school-ers the same way the state views an incentive program of this sort.

The students who ultimately participate in this program may end up viewing these incentives as bribes, which could then carry over to all facets of their academic career. If a teacher wants an "A," fine, but he had better be willing to give me something for

it.

Wrong.

There seem to be some very serious accountability issues brewing under the surface of all this.

The problem is that there is a disconnect between parents and students in which students are not taught certain values regarding their education. But, acknowledging that we live in Baltimore, that fact is probably due to those parents who do not have a concept of why education is so important.

This is a social problem, an issue that needs to be addressed with the understanding that it will take years to correct, not some incentive program based on shelling out funds to kids for passing some standardized graduation exam.

Thank you, "No Child Left Behind."

It just doesn't make any sense. Why spend close to \$1 million to make sure you have some incentives to hand out when a student passes some basic skills test in English or math?

Why not take that money and spend it on the actual classroom learning?

Passing (just passing, we're not talking about passing with some points to spare, or passing with flying colors, we're talking about just getting by -- we're shooting for mediocrity) does no one any good if it's money-driven and done simply because the state of Maryland mandates that some bubble test is the end all and be all of one's intelligence.

We ought to be spending that money in the classroom, where it really matters, and working to foster a real appreciation for learning, not some quick fix to a growing problem.

## Dwelling on Diana conspiracies shift focus off true legacy

Today I was scrolling through CNN.com when I saw yet another headline containing the words "Diana's death."

I couldn't help it. I clicked on it.

The article detailed her bodyguard, Trevor Rees's plans to testify in court about what

back in 1997.

I remember when it happened. I was 11, about to start sixth grade, and I came downstairs in my pajamas on that muggy August morning to see my dad staring at the TV in shock.

A few days later we watched the funeral, saw Prince Harry place a card to "Mummy" on the casket, and kept thinking this was a dream we were on the verge of waking up from.

Even now, I still occasionally feel that way. Although I was so young when Diana died, I remember watching stories about her humanitarian work in Africa, her kindness toward children affected by AIDS, and her very hands-on relationship with her two sons.

She was such a visible public figure that I assumed, in my 11-year-old way, that she would always be here.

We don't seem to hear quite as much about those aspects of Diana's life these days -- although at the 10 year anniversary, they were emphasized more than in the years leading up to that anniversary.

And maybe the fact that I've only experienced American press on influences how I feel. But I know that it wouldn't have been a bad thing to focus media attention on the way she lived rather than the way she died.

I'm not saying the press had to turn Diana into a heroine -- she was human, and made mistakes, like we all are and do. I am saying that we should have well-rounded memories of her, and try not to get caught up in the media circus that surrounds her death.

However, this is easier said than done. Hence why I clicked on the article on Trevor Rees and read it in about three minutes flat. Why do millions continue to be fascinated by Diana?

I think the answer to that lies in the fact that her death was so sudden, so senseless and unbelievably tragic.

When she died, the world was trying to

find reasons for it, trying to figure out how it happened.

The media responded, and has continued to respond, by dissecting and analyzing everything having to do with her love life, what she was doing that night in Paris, and how often she talked to William and Harry while she was away.

In devoting so much coverage to Diana, the media and the public have been trying to find closure in her death.

That's why I can't seem to tear myself away from those headlines. But in order to truly let her rest in peace, we have to do just that.

There is quite the hoopla of the conspiracy theories. One of those, again, being, Mohamed Al Fayed's, who continues to publicize his own because of his understandable grief for his son.

And then there are the minute-by-minute reconstructions of the night she died, which have been repeated and repeated along with the innumerable eyewitness accounts.

We become greedy, in this entire process, of always wanting more and running the risk of losing the essence of who Diana was.

I don't think that's how she'd want us to remember her -- and I will try to keep that in mind the next time I see a splashy headline on CNN.com.

### India 2007

See Father Borges' Letter to the Editor on Loyola's Study Trip to India on page 11.

## On the Quad

If you could pick anyone in the world to be President, who would it be?

By Jesse DeFlorio



"Harrison Ford's character from *Air Force One*"

Michael Roberts '11,  
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"Jim Rome."  
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"Bill Belichick"  
James Brown, '11,  
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"Samuel. L. Jackson."  
Arthur Conte, '11,  
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"Ari Gold."  
Joe Morelli '11,  
Finance

Do you want to be in "On The Quad?" Look for Jesse DeFlorio on the quad, Friday afternoons.



## President's hypocrisy in foreign affairs seen in his disregard for Haiti

Last Monday evening was George's night. For the last time on front of our entire government the bipartisan charmer grinned,

### DANIEL KEENAN

hugged, and even snuck in a joke off of the teleprompter. In his State of the Union speech, President Bush laid out everything we already knew.

Never one to surprise, he (publicly) reaffirmed, once again, to me and millions of other Americans and international onlookers, that his mind is not a hard thing to figure out.

In George W. Bush's reality, if you aren't talking about the problems in the Middle East or with North Korea or even about that war he is still convinced will succeed, you are not in his world.

But added to his speech, to my surprise, was a paragraph or two on Africa -- whose problems, to my astonishment, have been made aware to Bush. But it was in generalities.

Unless you count Darfur, which was highlighted with a quick one-liner of "America opposes genocide in Sudan," denouncing the genocide by the United States, without actually saying the world "Darfur."

Well I guess that phrase, "better late than

never," could mean something.

Right?

The president explained how America was the leader in certain fights, (other than the aggressive ones), such as combating disease, enemies to the state, and global poverty. But what made me livid beyond belief was his more-than-confident statement that "America is leading the fight against global hunger."

After hearing this, my view of his close-mindedness was solidified.

There are Third-world countries strewn across four continents that are not only impoverished,

but enduring famine at this very moment. Unfortunately for Mr. Bush and whoever has stuck around to advise him for one more year, (one year from last Tuesday he will be leaving Pennsylvania Avenue), his idea of famine is Africa.

And the latest article I read on a country enduring incomprehensible famine came not from that continent, but rather from the same hemisphere we share.

In Haiti, the famine has become so dire that poor residents in the island country's capital of Port-Au-Prince has resorted to mud -- yes wet dirt -- to eat on a daily basis for survival.

No one can afford the daily price of rice, which has increased to an unattainable price for these people.

The people take a type of yellow dirt

that is found in the country and make cookies from it when it is sun-dried on their roofs.

Many remedy their starvation this way three times a day.

The sudden

and, in this case, devastating, increased price in oil, fertilizer, and costs of irrigation have caused fatal food shortages and price hikes -- so the only other ingredients these mud cookies have are small amounts of salt and shortening.

According to the Associated Press, 80 percent of Haitians live off of two dollars a day, making it one of the most impoverished in the world.

If you say, Mr. President, that "America is leading the fight against global poverty," why is it that such a tiny island-nation like Haiti is in so much pain and disarray?

Do not lie or mislead if you cannot acknowledge a problem so close to the United States.

The situation Haiti is facing is beyond appalling.

It is inexcusable on the part of this administration and the president, who boasted that the United States is the source of more than half of the world's food aid.

It is clear that this aid, which very well may (accurately) be as vast as he states, is not getting to the Haitian people, who must stretch out, at most, those two dollars over the course of the day.

Imagine trying to accomplish that here in the United States.

It isn't like we have never gotten ourselves involved in this country.

We have sent marines into Haiti in the past for -- as usual -- political reasons, some of which have not worked out in either end's favor in the long run.

This may not be something that we might find militarily or politically enticing. Human dignity, however, should always transcend political agendas.

Action is needed in Haiti and it must be taken now.

## Multi-billion euro fraud causes European banking world uneasiness

The news began filtering in around two weeks ago. Small, vague accounts at first, but by last Monday shock and scandal seemed to be making its way through the headlines.

### JAMES BASSETT

The scandal: how did one of France's largest banks lose €4.9 billion? This translated to about \$7.1 billion and at the moment, and currently is thought to be the work of just one person.

Jerome Kerviel is 31 years old and until recently was employed at Societe Generale, which plays a role not only in France, but all across Europe.

What transpired has become the largest bank fraud loss in history, and has a lot of people spooked.

The first question on everybody's mind is how this is even possible.

Kerviel apparently had €50 billion in bets on the futures market when Societe Generale discovered the fraudulent trades and after accounts were rectified the bank was left with this now record loss (by the way, 50 billion is about the budget of the entire French government, and much more than the bank was worth).

So the standard story that has been given out is that this "rouge trader" was able to hide his trades in a number of different ways. Apart from being accused of falsifying documents, Kerviel is also believed to have negotiated his way through the bank's computer system and hide his transactions with fictitious trades.

Kerviel traded on a futures market for stocks and made money from a process called arbitrage.

Making money through arbitrage basically entails looking for inconsistencies in price. A trader would look for someone selling a stock at a price a few cents lower than the average price and then immediately buying and then reselling the stock to make a profit. Typically this area of finance is relatively low risk and low profit.

However, Kerviel would either buy or sell large amounts and then creating fake transaction in the other direction to make it appear like the two trades balanced out.

So in theory this is how it all happened. The lowly trader with apparently all the

working knowledge of system was able to bypass the security and gamble with billions of dollars worth of the bank's money.

Now while this event is exceptionally noteworthy for the amount of money involved, the occurrence is not something new.

In fact, back in 1995 a London trader named Nick Leeson defrauded around \$1.4 billion from Barings Bank and caused it to collapse.

However, the fact that so much money was able to move so quickly has a lot of people wondering if Kerviel was truly working alone.

While some are simply bewildered at how such significant actions went unnoticed, others simply say that it is impossible that there were not others involved.

Indeed, even now the president of the bank, Daniel Bouton, is under heavy pressure from the French government and public to step down and take responsibility.

While things are still unanswered for now, it is likely that a lot more information will turn up in the next few weeks.

This is definitely a blow to financial markets that are already seeing their own fair share of trouble in recent months.

Now most officials and financial leaders are attempting to clean up this mess and try and keep people from losing faith in the markets that need support more than ever.

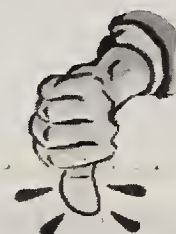
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## THUMBS BY G.M. BLUTH AND MAEBYFUNKE



### Thumbs up to the Democratic Party.

If the Democrats win, there will either be a woman, or an black man in office. Congratulations on major steps forward, Democrats. It's about time this country had its status quo shaken up a bit. And if the GOP wins we'll just feel bad for the poor guy that spends for years secure in knowledge that he only won based on his stupendous virtues of being white and not a woman.

### Much ado about something.

Thumbs up to Loyola for successfully publishing its own edition of Shakespeare's 5-act play Measure for Measure. From all accounts we've heard, this edition is an outstanding one, and is scholarly to the fullest extent. It's nice to see what we students learn actually being put to work. Bravo.

### Thumbs up to the Innocence Project.

The Innocence Project is a group of lawyers who have, to date, helped in the exoneration of 212 wrongfully convicted prisoners because of newly-available DNA evidence. Congratulations to the Innocence Project for taking major steps in correcting the flaws in our justice system.



### Thumbs Down to the Black Box Theater located in the new Communications section by Surfin' Joes.

What was an amazing idea in the beginning has turned out to be an unfinished, chasm of echoes. There's still time for us seniors to enjoy what could be an outstanding asset to Loyola's Fine Arts Department and Loyola's own improv troupe Bleu Picnic. We've got an idea... an actual floor!

### Thumbs Down. Ring Around the Roses.

Alright, so we admit we already whined about winter sniffles last week but we think that seeing as everyone, their brother and their brother's second cousin's dog is still sick we think it warrants a repeat complaint. The hacking, gagging and sneezing is still at an ew-inducing level. The upside being that if Loyola has hatched its own Bubonic Plague we'll probably inspire a major action feature perhaps starring Matt Damon. Here's hopin'.

### Thumbs down to FOX News anchor John Gibson for mocking the death of Heath Ledger.

After Ledger was found dead in his SoHo apartment, Gibson made tactless jokes about the actor's death, saying, "It looks like he found a way to quit you!" after playing a clip of the famous line from "Brokeback Mountain." This was one of a few "jokes" made by Gibson. Fair...balanced...tasteless: FOX News.



## Rudy's embarrassing downfall not the tumultuous end for Republicans

Putting your life savings on a roulette spin, driving 100 mph over the speed limit, and betting your whole presidential run on one state all have something in common: They're crazy. Rudy Giuliani didn't get the memo.

### MICHAEL ROBERTS

After almost coming in fourth place in Florida, (beating Mike Huckabee by only 1 percentage point), the state he wagered his whole campaign on, it would seem his strategy was flawed.

Most people don't realize, however, that his campaign was problematic to begin with.

But like John McCain, he opposed the Republican parties base on a couple of major issues and almost had a lot of skeletons that would have fell right out of the closet if he were the GOP nominee.

To start with Giuliani's campaign idea it must reiterated that it was insane.

For some reason he had this idea that all the states prior to Florida were insignificant when it came to momentum, and the only state that mattered at all was Florida.

Now, I am not the only one who thinks that's just ridiculous, New Hampshire and South Carolina are known for giving momentum to candidates to propel them right into the nomination (or in the case of something like Howard Dean, quite the opposite).

Historical examples of primaries and caucuses giving candidates momentum to win the nomination are not hard to find, George McGovern did it with Iowa, and Jimmy Carter did it with Iowa as well.

The main point to take out of this, Florida was never a momentum state; it was always Iowa, South Carolina and/or New Hampshire.

You get momentum before the big states, that's what the small state momentum is for. For someone who was thought to be the frontrunner just a couple months ago, it is actually quite remarkable how far he has fallen.

Some of Giuliani's views also got him in trouble with the conservative base.

Various Pro-choice statements that he would make had social conservatives cringing all over the country.

It was even uncovered through federal tax returns that he contributed to Planned Parenthood at least 6 times during the 1990s. This very pro-choice viewpoint would never have worked if Giuliani had become the nominee as that would not have been an issue the base could have rallied around, and they could potentially lose pro-life voters.

Giuliani's gay marriage policy also would have gotten him in trouble with the conservative base.

As the mayor of New York, he extended all city benefits to same-sex couples, opposed President Bush's ban on same-sex marriages and supported domestic partnerships.

This again would be an issue that could divide the Republican base and make it very difficult for them to get behind Giuliani, and that would potentially lose them votes.

And as it seems to go with every

politician, there are skeletons in Giuliani's closet.

The Republican Party is supposed to be the party of morals.

So with Giuliani -- who has been married three times, endured two divorces and at one point married and divorced his second

cousin -- things weren't looking too good for his presidential chances.

The irony of all of this is that most people had no idea of this part of his history (or baggage) that Giuliani has

been carrying around and yet supporters still managed not to vote for him in Florida or in the preceding caucuses and primaries.

The Republican base understood that these issues would come up and give him and his campaign a run for his money if he had become the nominee.

With his win in Florida and Giuliani's endorsement, John McCain has emerged

as the new frontrunner, as well as a new challenge for the Republicans to overcome. McCain's stance on issues like immigration, campaign finance reform and aspects of dealing with the economy go against the Republican base.

There is a belief among some Republicans

that he does not have a full grip on the economy. These are all issues that Romney, who is currently second in almost all polls, criticizes McCain about constantly in debates -- the

fallout of which has not yet been fully seen.

But if you think that this disarray in the Republican Party will lead to an easy victory for the Democrats, do not be so sure -- yet. Sure, John McCain is one of the more moderate conservatives but that is not completely negative.

I believe that McCain will attract many

more independents than a Mitt Romney would as a presidential candidate.

And if Hillary Clinton gets the Democratic nomination, she might be the most politically polarizing presidential candidate.

If the Republican base does not get excited about going up against Hillary, then, in my opinion, they might as well throw in the towel as a party altogether.

They would be putting up John McCain, their only war hero candidate that they have left waiting in the wings.

This is a card that McCain will undoubtedly downplay more than John Kerry did in 2004.

Don't think McCain as a pushover for the Democrats. In many ways he could attract as many or even more votes than any other Republican candidate.

On the McCain website (not a very unbiased source, I know) there are polls displaying McCain as the only Republican candidate that at the moment has a lead over both Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama.

Even though this did come from the candidate's website, along with national political pundits, this is still evidence that McCain will not be an easy target for either Democratic candidates or fellow Republicans.

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# Point-Counterpoint: The Belles versus the Chimes: Harmonize this

The Belles

Recently a friend approached me and said, "Gretchen, you're the smartest person I know. I only have time to see either the Belles or the Chimes at the Coffee House on Thursday, who should I see?"

**GRETCHEN MCGILLICUDDY**

"Well, that depends," I said. "Do you like watching things that suck?"

"No, of course not," blurted my friend.

"Then you have no choice at all. You have to watch the Belles."

For the reader who doesn't see things as clearly as I do, let's flesh out the comparison until you get my point.

First of all, the Belles get points for knowing how to dress themselves. And by that I don't mean knowing how to dress well (even though their appearance defines elegance).

No, I mean they know how to put on all of their clothes. All of their feet are clad with shoes, which is a huge leg (or foot) up on their facial-haired counterparts.

Foot odor is dissonant with almost every melody.

And take a look at the membership. If you said, "Hey Gretchen, wanna go see an attractive group of college-aged, co-ed

songbirds this weekend?"

"Absolutely, pass me the Kool-Aid" would be my response.

But if you followed that up with "Would you like to stick around and see some grizzled, Sasquatch-lookin' punks and their pretty boy friends try to carry a tune?" I might be liable to punch you.

And really, I mean no offense to my esteemed classmates in the Chimes. A for effort and all that jazz.

But let's face facts -- the Belles are award-winning caliber songstresses (see last week's issue of this rag if you don't believe me) and you guys are scoring a big DNF in that column.

Now of course the Belles and Chimes are very much like Jimmy Patsos and a sweat-soaked suit jacket: you rarely see one without the other so this article (like most of the writing in this column) is self-important drivel.

But maybe this will help the unsuspecting Chordbusters consumers better prepare themselves for the audio onslaught they've stood in line for seven-and-a-half hours to endure.

**XAVIERCALLOWAY**

## That's what she said: You know it's time to clean your place, here's how

This week's question is "I'm having people over this weekend and my room is a disaster. How can I make it look clean fast?"

You may or may not remember the beginning of the year, when your RA gave you and your roommates a paper for all of you to sign, each agreeing to take on different chores. If you are anything like my

**COURTNEYCARBONE**

room, you probably didn't take it seriously. Well, now it's second semester and your place looks worse than your chances of getting a job after graduation.

Getting your room to look clean is not the same as cleaning it. That being said, if you're going to try and do it, you may as well do it right. Break your apartment up into three parts: the living room, the kitchen, and the bathroom. Have one person in charge of each room to make things easier.

First, tackle the dishes. A very high pile of dishes, while commonplace in almost every room, is still a big problem.

There are two options when it comes to washing dishes: First, everyone can wash his or her own or secondly, you can alternate and take turns washing on different days. Choosing between these options will ultimately come down to which you believe is the lesser of two evils.

If you choose to wash your own stuff after using it, you will quickly learn to use as few plates and utensils as possible. This very quickly turns into everyone drinking milk out of the carton, eating ice cream out of the container, and trying to make cereal into a finger food.

On the other hand, if you choose to alternate days, you may find that a certain roommate -- conspicuously the one whose day it is not -- may be a little more ambitious than usual by emptying out her tupperware from the fridge, entering Betty Crocker baking contests, hosting elaborate dinner parties, etc.

Who is busy scrubbing away in the kitchen while she sits and enjoys another glass of red with her guests?

You can bet it's not going to be this Martha Stewart.

For this reason, I would suggest the former option and clean up after yourself. Not only are you accountable solely for your

own mess, but you never have to wonder what you'll find at the bottom of the sink.

If you are dreading mopping the kitchen floor more than your 4-8 a.m. Desk Assistant shift in Butler, try and get creative.

Clear everything out of the kitchen and write your name on the floor in dish detergent.

Then, tie wet sponges to the bottom of your feet and skate around with a friend on the linoleum. Not only have you secretly wanted to try this ever since you saw Mary Kate and Ashley do it on "Two of a Kind," but it's actually pretty good at getting the floor clean.

The next order of business is the bathroom. The key to the bathroom is not letting it get so bad that it's almost impossible to clean. Unfortunately, we all know it's too late for that.

Use Clorox wipes to wash down the vanity and fixtures. Use the thing next to the toilet to scrub the inside. I'm talking about the brush-looking thing, not the newest issue of Maxim.

If you spray Clean Shower every once in a while, then you don't even need to go over the rest of the tile. You might want to scrub the bottom of the tub though, especially if you just had a party and there was a long line for the toilet. Think about it.

Go around your place with a garbage bag and pick up all water bottles, beer cans, papers, or anything else recyclable.

Empty all the smaller trash bins into the main one. Make sure you don't get the recycling and the garbage mixed up when you finally make it to the dumpsters three weeks from now.

You'll be amazed by how much cleaner the entire apartment will feel after you have vacuumed.

If you don't have a vacuum, try and borrow one from the girls that live next to you. Even if they don't own one either, they should at least be able to point you in the direction of someone who does. You don't need to dust. It's not CSI.

These are the most important things. If you have time, you can probably make a more concentrated effort.

Good work. You've narrowly saved your place from being condemned and now you can actually have friends over again. Just make sure it's on a day when someone else has to wash dishes.

Chimes

I'm sorry Gretchen I was still sleeping through the Belles last performance. Not to say I don't like being serenaded by a bunch of squeaky-voiced jezebels in knock-off heels, but let's examine some recent history.

First, we have the Project Mexico auction. Auctioning themselves off, the Belles went for 375 buckaroos. Not too shabby, the student body has spoken and they desire some female beatboxing with a side of bad highlights.

In contrast the Chimes bidding started at \$375 and ended at \$1,200.

Now, I'm not a mathamateur but I think that's the math equivalent of a Belle up against an Oscar Mayer chili cheese dog, no contest. But, Xavier, how can you turn down the eye candy?

Well I have a few more requirements for my ladies than a pulse and an off blue dress. How could I describe my dream, so that my audience could get the full experience?

Well this writer may have the screenplay to Brokeback Mountain under his bed, so I don't mind some man candy, these boys are Clooney seasoned.

Finally, to put a cherry on top of this audio assault I endured last semester, let us not

forget the Spice Girls montage.

Usually everything is better in montage... not in this case. Scary Spice, check, check and check. She was everywhere.

What were the other ones?

Who cares, move on, you're right.

The reality is I don't understand why anyone waits in line for Chordbusters.

With refugees waiting for mediocrity outside McManus, I wonder if the Chordbuster will ever face UN humanitarian sanctions.

Just one man's hope.

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## Pakistani unease amplified by Musharraf, lack of United States' initiative

BY DAVID JUDD

COLUMBIA DAILY SPECTOR

A flurry of recent events in Pakistan has momentous consequences for the country and for the United States' interests there. Political stability is on the decline, while terrorist attacks are on the rise. Such unrest is well-known to be a breeding ground for terrorism and creates an urgent problem for the United States.

The brunt of the turmoil in Pakistan was sparked by President Pervez Musharraf's recent decisions.

Last October Musharraf was re-elected as president in what was seen by many as an illegitimate election.

However, due to the fact that he was also serving as chief of army staff, the Pakistani Supreme Court had directed that the election results not be validated until it had determined whether a military official could legally run for president.

Musharraf decided to suspend the constitution and summarily depose all of the Supreme Court justices under the guise of a "state of emergency."

This chain of events led to dissent and riots throughout the country. However, the problem was compounded by the controversy surrounding opposition leader Benazir Bhutto.

At the time of the state of emergency, Bhutto was campaigning around the country to win support for a power-sharing arrangement with Musharraf. Fearing assassination plots, she repeatedly petitioned the Pakistani government to provide her with adequate security on the campaign trail.

Widespread terror attacks ensued, accompanied by a prevailing sentiment among the population that Musharraf was the source of the assassination and the country's broader woes.

This sentiment continues despite statements by the CIA and the Pakistani government that Islamic militant Baitullah Mehsud, rather than Musharraf, commissioned the assault.

Amid record incidence of suicide attacks and targeted killings, the mainstream of Pakistan is turning its disparagement solely toward Musharraf.

This focus of blame on Musharraf reflects

a wider trend in the Middle East, in which the population's outspoken criticism of current leaders, as well as American intervention in the region, pushes criticism of terrorists and their ideology into the background.

Many in the Arab world denounce terrorists' tactics, yet proclaim the terrorists themselves as the Middle East's only means of avenging the wrongs perpetrated by America and its compliant regimes.

Granted, Musharraf's recent decisions are unlawful and tyrannical, but the population's tunnel vision toward him and his government gives tacit encouragement to the terrorists. This is especially true when the primary criticism of Musharraf is his alliance with America.

Clearly, the prevailing opinion among Pakistanis creates a fragile situation for the United States to navigate, should it desire to promote stability.

Furthermore, the problem is amplified by Pakistan's prominence as a front in the War on Terror.

The current consensus among U.S. intelligence experts is that bin Laden is operating inside Pakistan, near the border with Afghanistan.

This border area has become a Taliban stronghold since the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan - what the Musharraf regime calls "Talibanization." It is believed that the Taliban has recently been turning its attention from Afghanistan to Pakistan in an effort to cause further unrest.

It is astonishing that Washington is not making a more decisive effort in Pakistan, in light of the country's snowballing destabilization. Unilateral coercive action would, of course, only make the situation worse.

However, there are other countries with a strong interest in Pakistan who could be actively engaged on the matter.

The combined resources of China, India and Russia should be more than sufficient to contribute toward stability. While disagreement on major points may be inevitable, the Bush administration's lack of effort is unacceptable, but neither the Bush administration nor the mainstream media are even discussing this option.

For the sake of security and stability in the Middle East, as well as its own image, the Bush administration should act as soon as possible.



## Loyola students, Jesuit culturally immersed during study tour to India

"You guys are certainly lucky to go to India." "Can we come along as chaperones?" Well, these were some of the comments addressed to the group of 12 as it left for India on Dec. 27, 2007 on a 14-day tour of its eight major cities. Eight major cities? How was that possible?

Thanks to some good prior planning by the International Programs and Fr. Charles Borges who was assisted by Sunanda Bhatia of the International Student Services, we were off to a good start as we landed at Indira Gandhi International Airport on Dec. 29, having traveled by British Airways from BWI Airport. A quick sail through customs and a brief stop at the State Bank of India counter to exchange valuable dollars into Indian rupees, and we were off to the Indian Social Institute, a Jesuit run hostel, located in the Lodi Gardens Area and close to the famous Sai Baba Hindu temple.

Though temperatures were low at that time of the year, we managed to stay warm in our individual rooms, rested briefly and then spent the morning walking around the complex, visiting the nearby Lodi Gardens and picking up the spots for minor purchases and emailing.

We left in a van to see New Delhi and Old Delhi, seeing the India Gate, Houses of Parliament, Red Fort, and the diplomatic areas while we went to the Samadhi (the resting place) of Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat. It was with deep reverence and a sense of awe that we joined hundreds of others as we paid our respects to the great apostle of non-violence. World leaders regularly come here to lay wreaths and bow their heads in solemn reverence.

We next paid a brief visit to the Qutub Minar, a "Tower of Pisa" look-alike, which soars into the sky and which is a famous landmark of Delhi. Built by the Muslims in the early part of the last millennium, it continues to draw many visitors to itself who admire its unique architecture and historical importance.

A visit to the home of Ms. Bhatia's

relatives in Delhi that evening gave us a taste of some more typical Indian cuisine. The tiredness of the long travel brought us back to the Hostel early enough to rest and prepare for the hectic two days which were to follow. We left early the next day by a special van (air conditioned) to travel the four hour distance to Agra, home to the eighth modern wonder of the world, the Taj Mahal, built over 350 years ago by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan to house the remains of his beloved wife, Mumtaz.

We were unprepared to see the huge crowds that had also converged in Agra to see the Taj and it was quite a while before we could see the magnificent Muslim mausoleum and feast our eyes on it. Security is extremely tight there but once within its confines, it was best to wander leisurely around and take in the awesome sight from all angles possible. Cameras clicked away and it was with extreme reluctance that we tore ourselves away to journey to the western city of Jaipur. The ride was long and with great relief we checked into the five-star Orchid Hotel late that night and slumped into the most welcome and comfortable beds.

We spent the next day visiting the Pink city as Jaipur is called. It boasts the Hawa Mahal (the wind palace), the Jantar Mantar 16<sup>th</sup> century Observatory and other breath taking palaces and forts. Elephants and camels seemed to be as numerous as people and were eager to give any visitor a ride, for a fee of course. We returned to Delhi later that evening with an eagerness for a coming event. It was New Year's Eve. We moved all decked and spruced to the Hotel Samrat to usher in the New Year with other Indian families. A sumptuous Indian meal and some lively Indian music and a lucky draw at which many of us won prizes, made the evening most memorable and fun.

New Year's Day saw us travel by Jet Lite airways to Pune in western India. A two-hour ride and we were received at the Lohegaon airport by Arthur and Derrick, brothers of Fr.

Borges, who helped us move comfortably and effortlessly to the YMCA Hostel in city. Accommodation was excellent and we all loved the two days we spent in the city. We dined that evening with the family of Fr. Borges, and on the following days visited the Jesuit houses of formation where we heard short discourses from learned Jesuits on yoga and Hindu spirituality, saw the Aga Khan place where Gandhi spent two years in home detention under strict British rules, and got a rare peep into life and activities at the Osho International Ashram, a commune which specializes in self help techniques drawn from different faith traditions.

The group travelled by road to Goa, the former Portuguese colony and checked into the Baga Retreat House of the Jesuits. Perched on a hill overlooking the tranquil Arabian Sea, the house lends itself to quiet and tranquility. We lazed on the beach, sampled the special Goan cuisine and architecture. Loretta Fernandes (sister of Fr. Borges) and her children later that evening entertained us to some fine piano and guitar music at their home while we enjoyed home made cooking topped with ice cream and Goan dessert.

We left for Bangalore the next day by the popular Kingfisher Airlines. At Bangalore Airport, Sr. Josephine was at hand to welcome each one in the group with a warm smile and a welcome rose. Later she performed the aarti (an Indian greeting) when we checked in for the night at the Jesuit run Ashirvad (Home of Spirituality).

We left by a special van the following day to visit Mysore, a city of gardens and palaces. En route, we spent a delightful two hours at the Art of Living Complex. This foundation has taken the world by storm. Its youthful and charismatic leader, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar and his group have done wonders with their courses on yoga, healthy living, positive attitudes and peaceful responses. We got useful insights into these facets of living and were fortunate to interact while

there with American students who were members of the complex as part of their individual learning experiences.

We spent most of the day visiting the summer palace of Tipu Sultan (the great Muslim ruler of Mysore) and the Amba Vilas Palace of the Wodeyar family. Compared to Buckingham Palace in terms of its opulence and rich interiors, the Amba awes all visitors. The group however remembered the Palace for a very special reason. Most clambered up the sides of the two elephants and camels that were making the rounds of the palace and saw their dreams come true. "I always wanted to ride an elephant," said Katie Sindelar of our group, "and here I am on one."

The following day, we visited the Infosys Technologies Limited, a showpiece of the government. It is a breathtaking computer facility and our guides took pains to show us around and explain the intricate workings of the place. Bill Gates is said to be awe of this place. Companies world wide have extensive business contacts with Infosys whose fortunes and numbers seem to be on the rise always.

Later that evening we took the Indian Airlines flight to Mumbai. Over the next two days we paid visits to south Mumbai to spend time at St. Xavier's College, make the 60-minute ferry ride in the Arabian Sea to the Elephanta Shiva Caves, have a look at the Gandhi Museum (Mani Bhavan) and the Muslim durgah (Haji Ali, a unique structure that sits far into the Arabian Sea thanks to a linking causeway. No journey is complete without shopping and we spent a quick two hours buying whatever we fancied in the suburbs of Bandra, before we took the early morning flight on Jan. 12 for the US.

Plans are afoot to set in motion the fourth Winter Tour of India beginning Dec. 26, 2008.

**Fr. Charles Borges, S.J.**  
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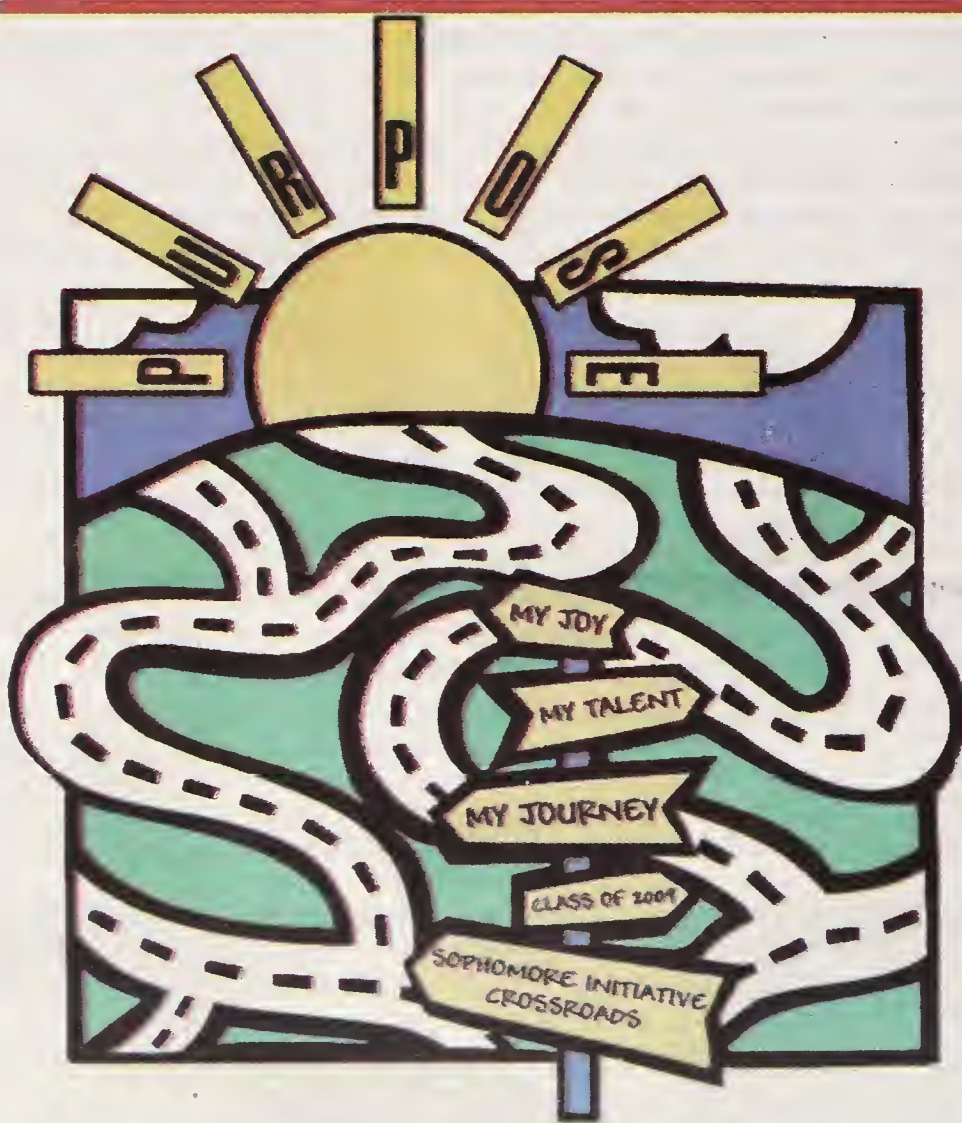
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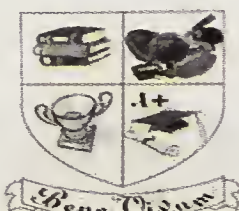
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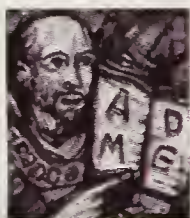
## SPECIAL INTEREST HOUSE OPTIONS

Students interested in special interest house options for the 2008-2009 school year should check out the Student Life website for full details and the application process at [www.loyola.edu/studentlife](http://www.loyola.edu/studentlife). Applications are now available on the website and due February 18, 2008. Locations of each house will be determined after applications are received, and will be dependent on size.

**Dawes House**

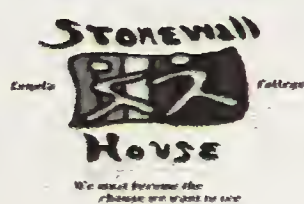
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Dawes House is a special interest house that promotes participation in intramural sports, health, wellness & academics. The house is open to Seniors and will work to incorporate seniors as active members of the Loyola community. This house will encourage living a healthy lifestyle while maintaining good grades. Students will learn to effectively balance their time between schoolwork and exercise. Students will set personal fitness goals and are expected to participate in 8-10 hours of exercise a week while maintaining a 3.0 GPA.

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Location: Dependent on size  
Open to: Class of 09, 10

The purpose of Grady House is to create a living learning environment for residents at Loyola who are involved in leadership on campus. It is not limited to people who hold particular titles, but rather for those who strive for excellence, respect, responsibility, and the core values of the Jesuit tradition. We strive to create an environment for leaders on campus to participate in their responsibilities while providing them with a means to enjoy life at Loyola. Grady House has traditionally housed Juniors but Seniors will be considered if space allows.

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Location: Dependent on size  
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Location: Dependent on size  
Open to: Class of 09, 10, 11

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Find out more at one of the following Information Sessions:

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Monday, February 11, 9:00pm, Campion Lounge

Wednesday, February 13, 8:00pm, East Residence Hall Programming Space

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# Kings grow in popularity, make *Rolling Stone* list



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The Kings of Leon are becoming more popular in mainstream music. Earlier this year, they stopped in Baltimore to promote their, "Because of the Times" album.

BY ALEC LAWSON  
STAFF WRITER

Breaking out of the indie rock scene and slowly incorporating themselves into the music mainstream, Kings of Leon introduce a unique, individual sound that pays tribute to older rock bands while still pushing modern rock forward and maintaining a physical look appealing to progressive rockers, older rockers and grunge lovers of the 90s. The quartet of this Nashville-born Followill family (brothers Nathan, Caleb, Jared and first cousin Matthew) break out

of the mold of remakes, with controversy-inspired music and over-saturation on the radio, the popular fad of the current outbreak of music, with google-required lyrics that resonates happiness and lively energy with every note and strum of the guitar.

Introduced to me originally by a friend, the raw intensity of the band is what first struck me in addition to not being able to understand a single word that band was saying. Through a hilarious exchange of dialogue about what the band was saying, we found ourselves laughing attempting to mimic the sounds Nathan Followill created in the track song "Charmer" from the latest

album, "Because of the Times." In the weeks following this small, night-inspired car jam session, the Kings of Leon became a regular on both my personal play list and a regular band introduced to my friends around me.

The Kings of Leon are growing in popularity mostly in the U.K. but has hit important milestones in the American musical culture. Being on of the band roster of Bonaroo 2007, Kings of Leon played for thousands of music pilgrims in the three-day festival. However, more importantly, Kings of Leon has attained a degree of commercial

renowned and/or controversial names of Linkin Park, Paul McCartney, Mary J. Blige, Amy Whitehouse, Nine Inch Nails and the ever-so-conversation starter Britney Spears, I was pushed into denial to see the number 31 entry, "Because of the Times" by Kings of Leon. My heart raced as I read the insert, revealing in the success of a new favorite band and hoping that their music spreads like a plague across the nation.

The main appeal of Kings of Leon is their sounds-- a strong rhythm, a memorable beat, and an energy that is lacking in other recording artists. Controversy and tabloid



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In December, the Kings achieved recognizable success when they made the number 31 spot in the annual *Rolling Stone Magazine* "yearbook" list, which highlights the best music albums of the year.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KINGS OF LEON

The band made an appearance at Bonaroo in 2007, a prestigious music festival that occurs in Manchester, Tennessee every year. They played alongside established bands such as The Flaming Lips.

success.

The most recent December yearbook issue of *Rolling Stone* magazine featured many well-known common knowledge artists, with new artist Kala scoring the number one album of the year. I always love panning through each of the albums to see what was considered a success as a whole through the year. Most of the names on the list are quite recognizable, with Jay-Z's latest, "American Gangster," taking the number three position (however, he is worth a nod for scoring number one song of the year, "Roc Boys.") I scanned through, taking the time on some to read the small insert included with each band and passing some by. On a list that contains the popular,

fodder seems to be the driving force behind songs, as artists dedicate entire albums to their personal hatred and annoyance of the paparazzi and press stalking them. But it is very refreshing to find a group of Southern boys who are willing to just be the music they play, to remind us what music is meant to be -- a spiritual experience through an assembly of lyrics and guitar strums.

Life is about the experience of the world and once in a while we need a band to help us slow down and remember what it means to groove with friends or the beauty of sitting unbathed at a festival for three days just to hear one band play, and Kings of Leon has inspired many like myself to do just that.

## Famous for being famous celebs take over culture

BY LAILA HANSON  
ARTS & SOCIETY EDITOR

With the first decade of the 2000s on the brink of ending, it seems that popular culture has firmly established itself as an Internet-infused black hole of people famous for being famous. Reality shows spin off each other so much that they are constantly blurry, both in language and entertainment value. Celebrities constantly come and go in the limelight for reasons that people either do not know about, do not care about or are so mundane that they may as well not even exist. The birth of this poisonous cycle of vapid popularity, though, is something that is certain. It stems from the reality show.

Although it is almost impossible to completely trace the life of the reality show (at least without taking up the entire *Greyhound*), the spin-off cycle can certainly be tracked to a single source, "The Surreal Life." In 2003, a group of out-of-work (some may say washed out, but I am being nice) celebrities banded together to be thrown in a house and filmed 24/7. (Sound familiar? The very first reality show, "The Real World"



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Internet celebrity Chris Crocker (left) hit fame big with his "Leave Britney Alone!" video.

began this concept; the concept and the show continue to grow strong.) In Season 3 of this show, two of the "characters" fell in "love," rapper Flavor Flav and B-movie actress Brigitte Nielsen. In Season 4, "America's Next Top Model" winner Adrienne Curry and Christopher Knight, a.k.a. Peter Brady, followed the trend. Both couples ended

up creating their own shows after meeting on "The Surreal Life," and thus came the birth, and subsequent huge popularity, of the reality show spin-off.

Flavor Flav took his spin-off a step further. After his relationship with Nielsen failed, their mutual reality show following their lives together, "Strange Love," came

to a sad end. Not wanting to let go of the limelight (again) just yet, Flavor Flav searched for some love on his next reality show, "Flavor of Love." As a result of "The Surreal Life," Flavor Flav was able to have not one spin-off to call his own, but two.

Soon after the Season 2 finale of "Flavor of Love," yet another spin-off show sprouted. This time, the object of affection was Tiffany Pollard, better known as "New York," her Flavor-given nickname. She was the runner-up in both seasons of "Flavor of Love," but after failing to win Flav over, she decided to turn the tables.

Because of both "Flavor of Love" and "I Love New York," Tiffany Pollard became an overnight sensation, famous for...well, being famous. Before appearing on the TV shows, Pollard had no other entertainment-related experience with popularity. Most of the time, these "celebrities" are only famous by association. This does not stop their immense popularity, though.

Heiress Paris Hilton is famous for having the same name as a hotel. Okay, maybe she has a bit of a stake in that hotel, too: her

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# Loyola band entrances the stage at Recher Theatre

BY MEGHAN HOLE  
STAFF WRITER

Local indie rock is becoming increasingly popular in the college scene. The Recher Theatre in Towson is one of those genuinely perfect venues for such bands. This past Friday night (2/1), the local band Bravo Romeo Bravo were the headliners at the Recher and gave an extremely memorable performance.

BRB was formed in May of 2006, and has been a hit with all of their audiences since. They give a great onstage presence, and

really encourage the crowd to feel the music. They sang many songs from their new "Twilight" EP, expressing new memorable songs for the crowd. I found both the music and the lyrics very entrancing. The band's creative use of guitar riffs and constant beat of the drums and bass kept the crowd alert and completely focused on them. Their music reminded me of a mix of old school Fall Out Boy, Finger Eleven and Paramore (minus the female singer). While observing the crowd, I found that the song "This Is Your Pilot Speaking..." was definitely the favorite of the set.



MEGHAN HOLE/GREYHOUND

The indie band is currently playing shows while promoting their new EP, entitled "Twilight." The song, "This is Your Pilot Speaking" proved to be the crowd favorite of the night.



MEGHAN HOLE/GREYHOUND

Bravo Romeo Bravo headlined the stage at Recher Theater on Friday. Lead singer and Loyola graduate Dan Walker (left) gave an energetic vocal performance.

The band ended the set with a song from their new EP entitled "Excess Progress." These lyrics were written by Dan Ciarrocchi, and the almost haunting lines of "Where do I stand if there's nothing but broken ground? /Our wills and callouses are broken/We're imprisoned and bound" can definitely speak to a variety of audiences.

Not surprisingly, three of the five members have been students here at Loyola: Dan Walker, Dan Ciarrocchi, and J.W. Sargent. Each of these band members brought something to the table. Dan W. gave his all onstage; I could tell he really felt the music.

Dan C. was an amazing guitar player, and a creative lyricist. J.W. was all over the stage, getting into everything, all the while encouraging the crowd to participate.

I found their set to be very catchy, and I wanted to hear more. They love playing shows, and from what I saw on Friday, I found that it was pretty apparent. I recommend everyone checking them out at <http://www.myspace.com/bravoromeobravo> or <http://www.purevolume.com/bravoromeobravo>, and check for their music coming soon on iTunes. While you're at it, give the guys on campus a nice hello.

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# Youtube generation attracted to drama-based talent

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grandfather is the owner of the glamorous Hilton chain. However, before she reached puberty and subsequently the ability to show some skin without "fans" being guilty about watching, she was invisible to the media's

eyes. After a sex tape leak on the Internet and a reality show (ironically titled "The Simple Life") created based on nothing other than people wanting to watch her and best friend Nicole Ritchie make fools of themselves, Paris Hilton became one of the most popular non-celebrity celebrities. Her best friend and co-star of "The Simple Life" experienced a similar sort of fame; she is well known for being the daughter of Lionel Richie and the show shot her into mind-degrading stardom. Hilton now has a music career (based on nothing) and both women have a million (probably more) fans dying to be just like her.

Some other examples of the "famous for being famous" phenomenon are the self-made superstars on the video uploading website, Youtube. Earlier this year, an Internet vlogger and Youtube fanatic, Chris Crocker, gained international exposure with his "Leave Britney Alone!" video that he posted on the site. As a result of her comeback performance on the MTV Video Music Awards, pop artist Britney Spears received a lot of negative commentary from the public. In response to this, rabid fan Crocker created a video, complete with tears and asthmatic-like sobbing, defending Spears. The video has clocked over 16 million views to date. In September, Crocker signed a contract to have his own reality show.



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**Tiffany Pollard, better known as "New York" is famous nation wide now, for nothing other than appearing on a reality show.**

If Crocker had not mentioned Britney Spears, it is hard to say whether his video would have gained the views it had. The fact that he associated himself with the troubled princess of pop encouraged fans and haters (there were over 2,000 "response" videos to "Leave Britney Alone" in the first day of its publication) alike to turn their heads, if only for a 3-minute video. Because of this, though, Crocker is now a media-household name.

People today, at least those in the wired generation, are gluing their eyes more and more to the Internet and "music" television stations. Why? To watch celebrities created by the media, with very little substance in their lives, make incredibly bad life

decisions (Who knows how they're going to explain their documented "fame" to their kids in the future. Middle school can be rough. I hope they are not teased.) It may be because we look up to these people of pseudo-talent in a way: "Hey, if they can get famous by just being an uneducated moron, so can I!" It may be out of sheer boredom. It may be out of lack of other viewing options (if I am ever caught giving into this trend, I hope I am one of the latter.) The fact is, the famous-for-being-famous celebrity is taking the place of the soap opera in young people's lives, and will most likely continue to do so. My only hope is that they do not overpopulate us; I might be starstruckly overwhelmed if I saw them every day.



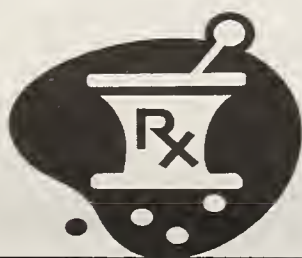
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**Paris Hilton achieved fame by being...Paris Hilton.**

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# How much does hype determine Oscar outcomes?

BY TIM HILLMANN  
STAFF WRITER

Everyone has had a movie ruined for them due to overhype, but can hype determine who will win the Oscars? This year it seems more than ever people are chatting it up about the science behind getting an Oscar.

Movies do not simply come out when they are completed. Marketing professionals will time when films are released based on several factors. As Anne Thompson from Priemere.com says, "A keen sense of timing can make

blockbuster and sequel films, or as they are called in the industry "umbrella films," are planned to make the majority of profit for a company. These films are usually released during summer. Likewise, it is obvious that the most anticipated horror movies come out in fall and that the ever-popular Christmas movies come out around Thanksgiving. This leaves January and February with the traditional holiday leftover crap. Though you will occasionally see a risk taking film like "Cloverfield" around the same time. If you don't believe me, check out your local

how much hype it gets. Many films use more than half of their budget on marketing. However, depending on how much a film is advertised determines much of the hype behind it. While still highly anticipated due to the recent popularity of quirky independent films and "Superbad" star Michael Cera, "Juno" was under-advertised. However, through word of mouth and Internet buzz, those who did not see the film until recently, including academy voters, were disappointed in the film expecting a "Superbad" or "Little Miss Sunshine," which the film never set out to be. Oscar predictors say this may hurt "Juno's" chance at winning as much as it deserves.

Star power can also make or break a film. This year's "Charlie Wilson's War" had an all-star cast including Tom Hanks, Julia Roberts, and Philip Seymour Hoffman. However, people expecting this year's big hit were disappointed in what turned out to be an O.K. film at best. There is a very fine line when it comes to the ratio of star power and quality of a film.

Therefore, despite my hatred for this boring film, I believe "No Country for Old Men" will sweep this year's Oscars. The film balances no-names with big stars and waited to get oscar-noms before it blew open its huge "BEST PICTURE, BEST EVERYTHING" marketing campaign. How can you argue with EVERYBODY saying it's the best picture of the year? But then again, will this hype ultimately make it seem like a shoe-in and have people voting



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**Juno, featuring quirky actress Ellen Page, is a film that is very deserving of an Oscar. It may be beat out by other films with advertisement and star power, though.**

for more deserving films like "Juno" and "There will Be Blood"?

Hopefully, for our sake, a film like "Atonement", a film the Academy traditionally eats up in their this-must-be-good-heads, lose to more deserving films like "Juno." Call me an anarchist, but I personally want to see some film completely slap the Academy across the face for once. Sorry, Kiera. The Oscars will be aired 5 PM on February 24th on ABC.



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**"Charlie Wilson's War" boasts an all-star cast. Many people assume a movie with big names will be better quality, but sometimes they are sadly mistaken.**

all the difference in an Oscar campaign." Because companies are head by other parent companies films are released strategically so that similar films do not compete with each other from within a company. Traditionally

listings for the pathetic choices you have at the theatre this week. ("Meet the Spartans," case-in-point.)

Movies trailers have also come to play a large part in how much a film makes and

## Noir film "Brick" provides ambiguous insight

### Classic Rental Reviews



by Sara Carr

Film Noir is all about the seedy; the underground world of crime and the protagonist who is consumed into this world by his own curiosity.

In "Brick", this underbelly of society is a California high school whose student

twisted with each new social circle we encounter.

The film starts with Brendan (Joseph Gordon Levitt of "10 Things I Hate About You"), a tough and yet stringy high school student. From behind his wire-rimmed glasses he shockingly sees the dead body of his ex-girlfriend, Emily (Emile De Ravin of "Lost") lying in a storm drain -- an ex-girlfriend who he is still obsessively in love with.

Then the film jumps back to two days prior as Brendan receives a frantic phone call from Emily saying that she is in a load of trouble. In her panic she is able to tell Brendan four words that transform into the high school detective's best clues: brick, pin, and tug. From this moment on and continuing after her death, he turns his life into an investigation of what happened to Emily. In this time we find out just how twisted high school can be.

He uses the knowledge of the all-knowing, rubix-cube wielding, "The Brian" (Matt O'Leary) to unlock the meaning of the words in order to dig his way through the many social layers of high school to get to the ominous "pin".

Without giving too much away, the "pin", is the drug-dealer with a brain ("The Darwin Awards" actor Lukas Haas), whose army of followers stretches from the drama queens, to the football team, the rich kids, and understandably the school thugs. None

of these characters deter the ever-clever Brendan as he forcefully infiltrates the system in order to find out the who and what that led Emily to die.

The idea of a modern film noir tale set in high school may sound a bit too much like a half-baked attempt at a throwback to classic Hollywood. Rather than suffering that fate, "Brick", deftly harkens back to the character traits of "Double Indemnity" and the "Maltese Falcon" while modernizing

scene is the perfect match for the role of a heartsick loner turned hard-boiled vigilante. He brings raw emotion, intelligence, and even acrobatics to the young detective as he rattles off the dialogue with a confidence and determination -- even in front of such high school power players from the drug lord to the vice principal.

As if this world isn't dark enough, newbie writer/director Rian Johnson, adds enough black humor to up the mood; including the



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**Joseph Gordon-Levitt (left) stars in, "Brick" as Brendan, a tough high school student who gets tangled in the mystery of his ex girlfriend's death.**

and reinventing the genre for the Y2K teenage set.

The dialogue is a quick-witted, fast-talking lingo dripping with both ambiguity and insight all at once. Those words propel the plot that has more twists than even the most-experienced whodunit audience member could ever expect. It is one of those films that ensnares you from opening scene to end credits and leaves you wanting to press play again so that you can pick up on more clues and quips.

It may sound like a stretch to call the acting of "Third Rock from the Sun" alum, Joseph Gordon Levitt, brilliant, but the recent prince of the Hollywood indie

fact that the headquarters of operations for "The Pin" is located in the basement of his mother's inviting rancher. Its these little moments that ease the high tension of the thriller for the engrossed audience member.

This small indie-feature that went on to win the coveted Special Jury prize at Sundance in 2005 is the little movie with big ideas. It knocks the wind out of you with its plot all the while tests your smarts to see if you can keep up with the elaborate labyrinth Brendan faces. It may be a film that flew under the radar of mainstream pop culture; but it is a more than worth rent for the weekend.



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**Emile De Ravin co-stars as Emily, the ex-girlfriend of Brendan who is found dead in a storm drain.**

population is cesspool of criminal activity. Such activity that becomes more and more



**Aries** (March 21-April 20)  
Business routines will require careful planning over the next few days. For many Aries natives new assignments or revised instructions will soon take precedence. Listen closely to the needs or opinions of authority figures.

**Taurus** (April 21-May 20)  
Financial promises or rare money proposals may now trigger vital

may boldly discuss a new or controversial business strategy. Avoid public gossip.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)  
Romantic attraction is now unavoidable. New colleagues or friends may this week offer coy flirtations and seductive invitations. If so, stay calm: in the coming weeks social complications and romantic triangles will steadily increase.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)  
Early this week a younger relative may ask for emotional support. Educational planning, job creation or lifestyle choices may all be accented. Offer concrete suggestions and expect practical duties, regulations and official requirements to help clarify difficult decisions.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)  
Workplace gossip and romantic speculation are now best avoided. For Capricorns born between 1972 and 1984 misinformation will this week lead to strained business relations. Close colleagues will expect loyalty and continuing support. If so, rely on past promises or shared agreements and all will work to your advantage. After Thursday pay attention to the needs of older relatives or isolated friends. Private doubts need to be actively dispelled: don't hold back.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)  
Long-term relationships will this week experience a brief but intense phase of questioning and social discussion. After Tuesday expect loved ones to ask for more time, consideration or patience. Set firm boundaries and watch for honest reactions: your emotional cues will be respected. Late this weekend a business partner or work associate may demand detailed paperwork or renewed agreements.

**Pisces** (Feb. 20-March 20)  
Before next week emotional intimacy and rekindled sensuality will help move key relationships forward. Passionate encounters and seduction are now a vital theme. Many Pisceans will soon redefine the romantic attachments in their lives. If so, expect fast proposals and renewed commitments: this is an excellent time to end outdated

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21)  
Before mid-week unexpected social advice may strain family relations. Loved ones are now highly motivated to offer their wisdom concerning emotionally draining triangles. Remain patient and accept all comments as constructive.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22)  
Authority figures will now respond positively to creative suggestions. After Tuesday present controversial ideas for business growth or job reassignment and watch for steady progress. Fast progress is likely.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
Family gatherings will this week provide new opportunities for inclusion. For many Leos isolated or distrustful relatives will now opt for emotional progress, shared home plans or renewed social acceptance. Respond with gentle acknowledgement.

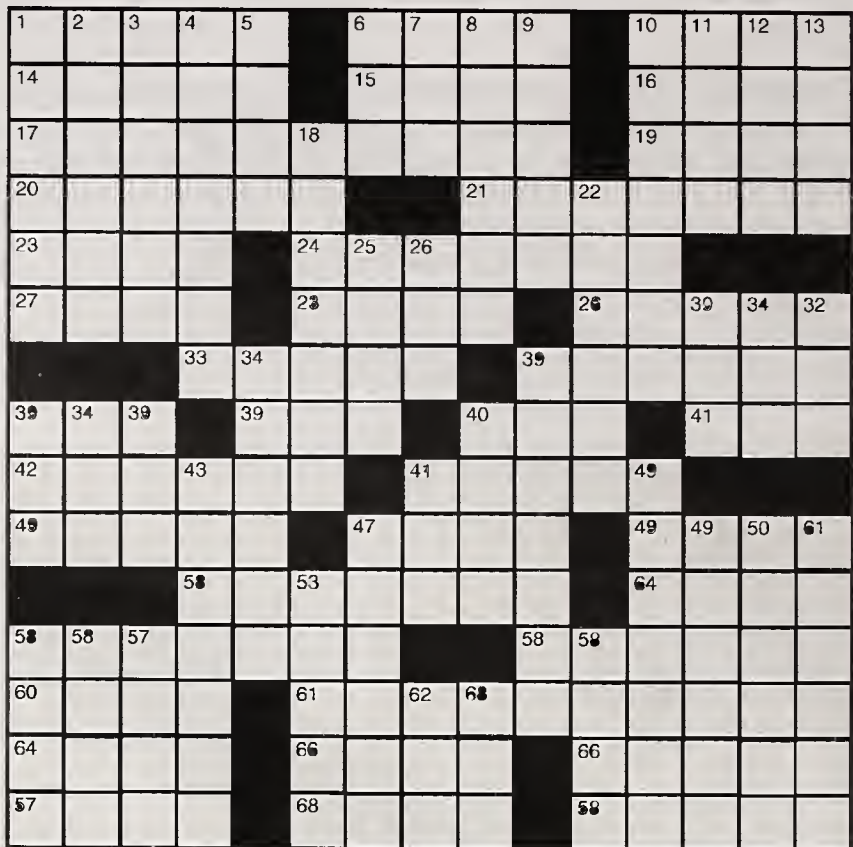
**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
Yesterday's social or family decisions will now be proven accurate. After Monday expect loved ones to offer insights into their private activities, hopes or long-term goals.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)  
Managers and colleagues are this week quick to criticize small mistakes. Take none of it personally, however, and expect ongoing workplace tensions or power struggles to soon be resolved. After Tuesday a friend

# Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 "Saturday Night Fever" craze
  - 6 Surefire shots
  - 10 Expansive
  - 14 Jots
  - 15 Weapons talks, briefly
  - 16 Centerward
  - 17 Male feature
  - 19 Lat. list-ender
  - 20 Of the family tree
  - 21 London district
  - 23 Automaker Ferrari
  - 24 Kampala man
  - 27 Not listening
  - 28 Med. tests
  - 29 Florida key
  - 33 Unalterable
  - 35 Indian port
  - 36 Tavern brew
  - 39 Seize suddenly
  - 40 Hoover or Grand Coulee
  - 41 Off one's feed
  - 42 Dwell
  - 44 Plains dwelling
  - 46 Dolphins' home
  - 47 Rhythm
  - 48 Interlock
  - 52 Tiny aerobic life forms
  - 54 Bar in a car
  - 55 Gambling houses
  - 58 More wacky
  - 60 Yemeni or Saudi
  - 61 Put upon
  - 64 Planted explosive
  - 65 Sound reflection
  - 66 Superman portrayer
  - 67 Beatnik abodes
  - 68 Store away
  - 69 Church leader

- DOWN
- 1 Rang up
  - 2 Thyroid treatment
  - 3 Poem division
  - 4 Happened, without a hitch
  - 5 Greek peak
  - 6 Nile viper
  - 7 Toy pistol's ammo



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- 8 Barkin and Glasgow
- 9 Stand one in good
- 10 Southeast Asian nation
- 11 Poker pot starter
- 12 Comic Laurel
- 13 Narrated
- 18 Female graduates
- 22 Strauss opera
- 25 Seize forcibly
- 26 Feel poorly
- 30 Baseball stat
- 31 Guy's date
- 32 Popeye's Olive
- 34 One of Cleveland's nine
- 35 Purify
- 36 Escort's offer
- 37 Hawaiian souvenir
- 38 NASA's ISS partner
- 40 Settlement
- 43 Drinks
- 44 Part of AT&T

## Solutions to last week's puzzle

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- 45 Lasker of chess
- 47 Cut in half
- 49 Left the stage
- 50 Record holder?
- 51 Cowboy, at times
- 53 Gets by
- 55 Pitch a tent
- 56 Opera song
- 57 Author George
- 59 Farm measure
- 62 Fraternity letter
- 63 Scatter seed

patterns. Thursday through Sunday rest and spend extra time with isolated friends or relatives: your attention and guidance are needed.

**If your birthday is this week:**  
Over the next few weeks and months study the subtle actions or signals of authority figures for

valuable clues. For many Aquarians delayed changes to corporate policy may be announced before late February. Take time to evaluate all career options before offering a response: planetary alignments indicate that the coming year will provide dramatic opportunities in the home business, financial or communications fields. After

mid-May home relations will also demand key decisions. Let loved ones know your short-term and long-term goals and respond honestly to open discussions. Timing is important: remain flexible. Late this summer some Aquarians may be asked to begin an intensive program of business travel or workplace study.

## Will Butler, College Freshman

By Kevin Hughes and Dan Corrigan







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THE GREYHOUND

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KAT KLENLE / GREYHOUND

Gerald Brown and the Hounds won their two road games last week. Brown scored 16 in only 20 minutes against NJI.

## Hounds sneak by Griffs, NJI; streak at 6

BY DAVE LOMONICO  
SPORTS EDITOR

Not even BWI Airport can halt the Hounds' momentum. With flights delayed out of Baltimore last Friday, Loyola's trip to Niagara was cancelled, forcing the Hounds to sit for two days on their then five-game winning streak.

It didn't matter. The Hounds (14-10, 9-3 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference) lit up Canisius and extended their winning streak to six games with an 84-62 victory on Super Bowl Sunday.

"We were coming off a six-day layoff, and when you haven't played in six days,

## Losses continue to pile up for LC

BY PETE THEIS  
STAFF WRITER

The Loyola women's basketball team played two teams in the upper echelon of the conference last week, Iona and St. Peter's, and proved they are nowhere near the level of the Gaels and Peahens. The Hounds, losers of 10 of their last 11 games, were blown out by Iona and didn't fare much better on the road against Saint Peter's.

There are no moral victories in college basketball, but for a team looking for any type of victory, the Hounds will take what they can get. The Greyhounds had the game against St. Peter's down to two in the waning minutes of the game on a layup by sophomore Erica DiClemente, but the Peahens took advantage of two crucial Loyola turnovers and won by five, 62-57.

"We played hard, and we did a good job of cutting their lead, but we could not make it all the way back," head coach Joe Logan said. "We made some sloppy turnovers late."

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anything can happen," head coach Jimmy Patsos said. "It was a gutty effort for us."

The Griffs took the lead on an inside bucket, but sophomore Brett Harvey erased the deficit with a three, setting the tone for Loyola's hot-shooting first half.

Sophomore Marquis Sullivan, who found himself open while Canisius went to a full-court press, was unconscious early. Trailing 10-9 with 15:20 to go, Sullivan drilled the first of three straight from beyond the arc as the Greyhounds took an 18-13 lead. He hit 4 of 7 threes off the bench in the half to lead Loyola with 12 points.

"Sullivan was awesome," Patsos said. "He's driving towards that Sixth Man of the

Year Award. He really played great."

With 2:43 left, freshman Brian Rudolph answered a Canisius bucket with a deep three to give Loyola their largest lead of the half, 33-23. They extended it to 12 on senior Omari Isreal's layup on the ensuing possession.

However, Canisius fought back by beating Loyola on the boards and cut their deficit to five in the waning seconds on a pair of free throws from Bob Bevilacqua before Rudolph's layup put the Hounds up by seven, 37-30, at halftime.

While the Griffs, who shoot more than 20 threes a game, couldn't hit their shots

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JESSE DEFLORIO / GREYHOUND

Senior Dan Pluta springs forward in the 100 breast event.

## H2Ounds fly by Iona, Fairfield on Senior Day

BY JIM DELANEY  
STAFF WRITER

The H2Ounds returned to action last Saturday as they swept Iona and Fairfield on Senior Day in their final tune up before the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference championships Feb. 14-16. For eight seniors, it was the last dual meet of their careers.

"It's great to see all the seniors get one last meet under their belts before the MAAC championships," senior Danny Pluta said. "We're really coming together as a team and it should be the most interesting

championship meet in history. We really have a shot." Seniors Doug Alban, Paul Ebert, Patrick Hicks, Ian Perazelli, Pluta, Rich Gibbons, Tess Drazdowski, Megen Hadley, and Siobhan Murphy were all honored for their contributions as an H2Ound.

"Being on this team is great, we have a lot of fun together," Hicks said. "It's sad that some of us are seniors, but we're looking to go out on top with a win at MAACs in two weeks."

The men defeated Iona 183.5-126.5 and Fairfield 207-109, while the women bounced back from a loss in the last meet to

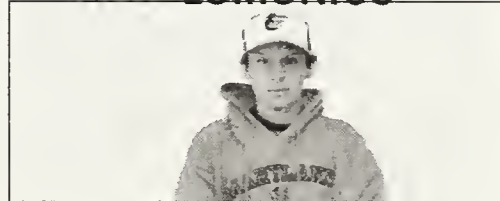
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## Tuck's on a tear in his final year

DAVE LOMONICO



### HIGH & TIGHT

So is this the real Loyola? After a month and a half of uninspired play, with such dandies like the drubbings by Iona and Rider, non-conference losses to Drexel and Towson, and capped off by a home loss to Fairfield, the Hounds find themselves on a six-game surge. The reason for the turnaround? It starts with senior Michael Tuck.

The 6-foot-7 power forward out of Toronto, Ont., has been a catalyst on offense and defense over Loyola's recent hot stretch, and he's finally emerging into the dominant force coach Jimmy Patsos envisioned four years ago.

"The coaches have been telling me I need to step up for us to win," Tuck said, "They said I have to be a leader, and I have to play better."

Tuck has shot 61 percent from the field (43 for 70) over the last six games, scored 20 points or more in four of the last five

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JESSE DEFLORIO / GREYHOUND

Tuck's play in the paint has been a main reason Loyola has won seven in a row.



# Hounds hot touch dooms Gaels, leads to LC record

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from beyond the arc, the Hounds were 7 of 16 from deep (44 percent). The Loyola defense held Canisius to 35 percent shooting (9 for 26), but Canisius outrebounded Loyola 14-9.

Senior Michael Tuck had back-to-back layups to put the Hounds up 41-35 early in the second half, and Rudolph matched him with a pair of transition buckets to put Loyola up by nine.

Senior Gerald Brown had just two first-half points and picked up his fourth foul with more than 12 minutes left in the second half, but Patsos kept his star on the court. Brown responded with a three pointer at the 12:28 mark to put the Hounds up by 11, 51-40, and after a Canisius layup by Tomas Vazquez-Simmons cut the lead to eights, Brown hit another three at the halfway mark.

But the Griffs refused to fold on their home court as Elton Frazier hit a three with five minutes remaining to bring the score to 62-57.

Tuck, however, hit two straight layups, effectively keeping Canisius at arm's length. Vazquez-Simmons, who led Canisius with 15 points and 10 rebounds, cut the lead to four with less than two minutes to go, but the Hounds sealed the game from the line.

The Greyhounds had four players in double figures. Tuck led all scorers with 20 points, Brown had 18, Sullivan had 15 and Rudolph had 11. Harvey had eight points and nine assists. The Hounds shot 52 percent from the field and held Canisius to just 33 percent shooting. However, the Griffs hung around thanks to a 40-30 rebounding advantage.

"Canisius should be proud of themselves,"



KAT KJENLE / GREYHOUND

**The Greyhound offense continues to be impressive with four players in double figures in their victory against Canisius on Sunday.**

Patsos said. "They're a tough, young team."

On Tuesday evening, the Hounds ran rampant over lowly non-conference foe New Jersey Institute, 72-54. It was a chance for Patsos to experiment in a rare mid-season matchup against a team that has yet to get off the snide in the victory department.

Freshmen littered the floor for the Hounds in the first half, while Brown planted himself firmly on the bench, nursing an injury. However, his position was tentative

as Patsos threw him out there to begin the second half and proceeded to let him run with the underclassmen for the next 20 minutes. He responded with 16 points in the victory over the winless Highlanders.

"Gerald brings a certain toughness and a calming influence to our team," Patsos said. "I just asked them to run the offense because we were playing so many young guys in the first half that we were a little out of sync."

Tuck certainly wasn't out of sync as he led

Loyola with 23 points, which tied his career high set just two games prior against Siena. He was 8 of 12 from the field and pulled down a team-high eight rebounds.

Tuck, however, didn't provide the spark that Brown did at the beginning of the second half, with the Greyhounds up by just six, 31-25.

By the 12-minute mark, Brown had five points and two boards as Loyola went on a 17-5 run to take a 48-30 lead. The game was never in jeopardy after that, but in the first half, it looked like the Highlanders would make a game of it.

NJI jumped out to a quick 5-2 lead before the Hounds rallied for an 18-0 run. With just over 10 minutes to go, freshman Brian Rudolph made it 24-7 with a layup before the Highlanders responded with 13 unanswered points to regain the momentum. NJI took a manageable six-point deficit into the locker room.

However, NJI wasn't going to come back after shooting 23 percent from the floor in the first half against the vaunted Loyola defense, which coming in had held three straight opponents to under 60 points.

In the second half, the Highlanders indeed managed just seven field goals (7 of 25) as the Hounds ran away with the game late.

The Greyhounds were 23 of 30 from the free-throw line. Sullivan connected on a trio of three pointers for 13 points, Isreal had seven boards and three blocks and Rudolph dished out eight assists.

After a week off in between games, Loyola will play their makeup contest with Niagara on Tuesday at 7 p.m. before returning to Reitz Arena on Thursday to take on St. Peter's at 7 p.m.

## Tuck's inside game spurs Hounds' success

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games, and has been relentless in the paint, averaging about nine rebounds over the six-game streak. He went for 22 points and a career-high 16 boards against St. Peter's, and then turned in a pair of 23-point, eight-rebound efforts in wins over Iona and New Jersey Institute. The 23 points against the Gaels and Highlanders were a career high, and Tuck didn't even play 30 minutes in either contest.

"The St. Peter's game, where I had 22 points and 16 rebounds kind of sparked me and got the confidence going," Tuck said. "I've been more consistent; I'm shooting at a high percentage, making free throws, getting to the line a little more, rebounding."

The stats are easy to point to, but you really have to watch him play to appreciate what he's done for the Hounds. Sportswriters like to refer to that special quality that separates the stars from the role players as "It." As in, Tuck has "It." Grit, aura, talent, athleticism, leadership — all part of the "It-ness."

There have periods over the last three years when Tuck's been the best player on the court, and you'd never know it unless you understood the game. The way he rips down a rebound; the way he releases the ball in transition; the way he comes off a screen and drains a three and then proceeds to drive the lane for a layup on the ensuing possession; the way he physically and mentally wears down an opponent.

Yes, there's never been any doubt Tuck

has had the talent to be one of the top inside forces in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.

But injuries have plagued his entire career, and when he did manage to string together minutes, the brilliance was only evident in spurts. He tantalized us his freshman year with four double-doubles. Then, after redshirting in 2004, he showed he deserved to be a starter in his sophomore year, but inconsistencies and injuries bogged him down. Last year was supposed to be a breakout season, but he played the entire year on a gimpy leg and never asserted himself as a starter, though he did enough off the bench to earn the Sixth Man of the Year Award.

Tuck, dubbed a co-captain at the start of the 2007 campaign, had one more chance to leave his mark. It didn't start out particularly well. Again limited by injuries, he failed to get into a rhythm. His numbers were solid, but not spectacular — especially for a team leader who was supposed to be that all-important second scoring-option. Finally, he's assumed that role.

"My offense has gotten better, and my leadership," Tuck said. "Jimmy [Patsos] made me a co-captain, and he put me in a position where I have to lead and inspire guys to do their jobs."

Tuck's scoring has certainly helped senior Gerald Brown, who on some nights looked like he was begging for someone else to assert themselves on offense. Tuck has answered the call on the inside, and when he's not



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**Tuck has asserted himself on the scoring end; he netted 23 against St. Peter's.**

going toe-to-toe with the likes of Charron Fisher (Niagara) and Jason Thompson (Marist) for a rebound, he's kicking the ball out to Brett Harvey and Marquis Sullivan, who have knocked down their threes.

"I knew I had to step up my game inside, and the team kind of knew that, too," Tuck said. "And it's been working; we've been going inside to Omari [Isreal], Hassan [Fofana], and myself. That draws the defense and starts the inside-out game."

Tuck credits the team's collective effort on defense and their dedication to rebounding as one of the main reasons for the improved play. Aside from a poor first-half rebounding effort against Canisius last Sunday, the Hounds have outrebounded their opponents by 10 boards per game, and they're averaging 41 rebounds a night.

"Rebounding has been a big focus," Tuck said. "The best way to shut a team down is to get a rebound, and not let them get that second chance on offense."

There's a drill the Hounds run in practice where the five starters line up on the perimeter against the second team. The second team throws the ball up, and the

starters crash the boards and try to start the transition game.

"It's a great drill," Tuck said. "It helps us stay aggressive — guys are in their fighting -- and it really helps our rebounding."

Tuck says it's that fighting spirit that turned this team from pretender into contender in the MAAC.

But have the Greyhounds peaked too soon? Are they about to hit the next valley after climbing to the top of the hill? If Tuck has truly turned the corner — and barring any injuries — there's little reason to doubt this team won't make a run at the MAAC championship.

"In the middle part of the season, when we were struggling, it hit me. We had five seniors, and we had two months of basketball left in our careers," Tuck said. "It was time to put it all out there. It's now or never, and we're going to play as hard as we can."

"This is our last chance to win a MAAC championship and maybe go to the NCAA tournament."

"I think now everyone is focused on that goal."

**"It's now or never. This is our [the seniors'] last chance to win a MAAC championship and maybe go to the NCAA tournament." — Michael Tuck**



# Hounds have lost 10 of 11, defense continues to struggle

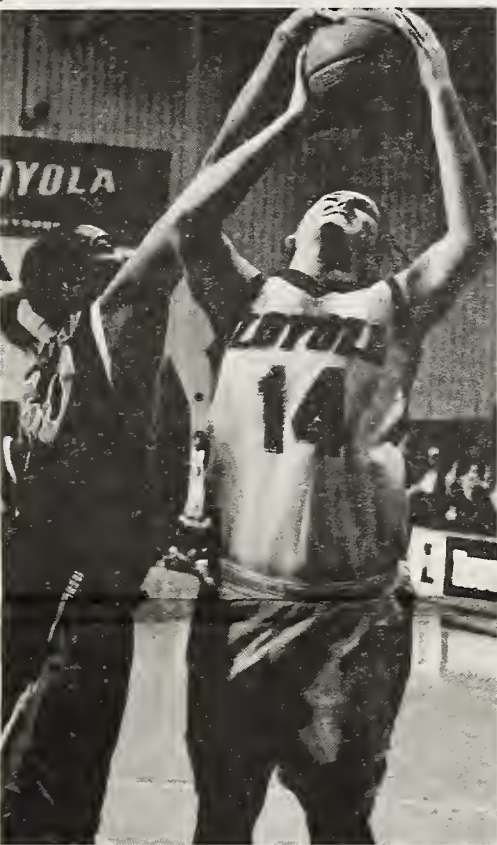
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With St. Peter's seemingly in control in the latter stages of the second half, Loyola bit down on defense and kept the Peahens to four points over a six-minute stretch. However, Lauma Reke, who led St. Peter's with 17 points, ended the drought with a layup and the young Greyhounds proceeded to lose their mental grip. After Johnell Burts' two free throws, the Peahens had a 59-53 lead and the game was finished from the charity stripe.

Loyola got out to a slow start in the game, falling behind by 11, but senior Tynisha Davis and sophomore Kaitlin Grant brought Loyola to within four points. The Peahens, however, responded and seemed to have the game in control, but the Hounds were still hanging around at halftime, 31-27.

The game continued in that manner in the second half, but the Peahens had just enough to pull it out and send Loyola to another loss.

Grant led Loyola with 12 points, and junior Siobhan Prior had 11.



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Vika Sholokhova and the Hounds were stifled by Iona on Thursday.

"We tried something different (in the starting lineup), and everyone played well with it," Logan said. "Erica had been in a little bit of a slump, but she stepped up today and hit some big shots."

Loyola never found any momentum against the Gaels en route to their then-fifth consecutive loss by an overwhelming score of 90-68 on Thursday evening at Reitz Arena. The loss was their second to the Gaels in just over a week, and marked the first time in six years the Gaels swept the Hounds in the regular season. The Greyhounds (8-12, 3-7 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference) continue to struggle, especially on the defensive end, without the presence of senior leader Meghan Wood, who is expected to return next week.

"We are not playing good defense," coach Joe Logan said. "Iona made 10 threes against us, and Marist made 10 threes against us [last Sunday]. Sooner or later we have to draw a line in the sand and say 'enough is enough' and start to play some better defense."

Early in the first half, after senior Tynisha Davis tied the game at four with a layup, Iona jumpstarted their offense and scored 21 of the next 28 points in a six-minute span. The Gaels' Anda Ivkovic led the way with nine points off the bench. She went on to score a game-high 17 points in just 12 total minutes.

At the half, Loyola fell behind by 14, 48-34, despite their best shooting performance of the season (52 percent from the field). But the Hounds' sloppiness caught up with them as Iona forced 14 turnovers to build their double-digit advantage.

"The main difference in the first half was the turnovers," Logan said. "That was the difference -- the points off of the turnovers. They outscored us 16-4 off of our mistakes."

In the second half, the Gaels picked up where they left off by continuing to pound the ball inside, while racking up the point total. The Hounds attempted to fight back and got within 12 points but could not quiet the hot shooting of Lauren Defalco and Ivkovic, as the two combined for five three pointers, including several long "NBA three



JESSE DEFLORIO / GREYHOUND  
Loyola was swept by Iona for the first time since the 2001-02 season.

pointers" from Defalco.

Iona went on another big run to push their lead back to 20 points at 70-50 with just under 10 minutes remaining. Loyola struggled the rest of the game and did not have a solid answer for Iona's offense.

"You have to give a lot of credit to Iona tonight because they shot the ball very well. They're a tough team, and they gave us a lot of pressure," Logan said. "Right now some of our problems on the floor are spiraling out of control. It starts with the little things. I question the toughness of our team right now because we need to get back to where we were with the success in the past. We

have a responsibility to play better."

Freshman Meredith Tolley led the team in scoring with 15 points; it was her third game in double figures. Senior Vika Sholokhova had 14 points and 10 rebounds for her fifth double-double, while Davis had 14 points to go along with a career-high with seven rebounds.

Iona's Anna McLean had 17 points on 8 of 8 shooting, and also grabbed nine rebounds. Thazina Cook had 12 points, and Defalco had 10 for the Gaels.

The Hounds travel to Riverdale, N.Y., next Friday to take on Manhattan at 4:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball (thru 2/02)								
Team	MAAC				Overall			
	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	Streak
Rider	10	2	.833	-	17	6	.739	Won 9
Marist	8	3	.727	1.5	14	8	.636	Lost 1
Siena	8	3	.727	1.5	13	8	.619	Lost 1
Niagara	7	3	.700	2	13	6	.684	Won 2
Loyola	7	3	.700	2	12	10	.545	Won 5
Fairfield	5	6	.455	4.5	7	14	.333	Lost 2
Iona	5	7	.417	5	9	15	.375	Won 2
Manhattan	2	9	.182	7.5	8	13	.381	Lost 6
Canisius	2	9	.182	7.5	4	17	.190	Won 1
St. Peter's	1	10	.091	8.5	4	17	.190	Lost 8

Women's Basketball (thru 2/02)								
Team	MAAC				Overall			
	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	Streak
Marist	10	0	1.000	-	20	2	.909	Won 10
Iona	7	3	.700	3	13	8	.619	Won 3
Manhattan	7	3	.700	3	12	9	.571	Won 1
Saint Peter's	6	4	.600	4	14	7	.667	Won 1
Fairfield	5	5	.500	5	15	6	.714	Won 1
Canisius	5	5	.500	5	10	11	.476	Lost 1
Loyola	3	7	.300	7	8	12	.400	Lost 5
Siena	3	7	.300	7	7	13	.350	Lost 3
Niagara	3	7	.300	7	5	16	.238	Lost 1
Rider	1	9	.100	9	6	15	.286	Lost 1

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## Super Bowl? In Italy? Not a chance

By MATT KIEBUS  
COLUMNIST

ROME -- The Super Bowl has already been played; the NFL season is over. This frees up Sundays for men everywhere to spend quality time with girlfriends and significant others, and unfortunately, it no longer gives people a viable reason to drink at 1 p.m. The gridiron is left dormant for the next few months.

Here in Italy, the locals could care less. The only recognizable name in Phoenix, Ariz., last Sunday was Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers. Italians love American music. They just have no clue what the lyrics mean.

At home, people of all shapes, colors and creeds got together to watch the one thing that binds (and perhaps defines) us as Americans -- The Super Bowl.

That is what I used to believe and hold dear: Most people in the United States take the Super Bowl more seriously than their respective church doctrines. "It is more than a game, it is an event," we are told. The pre-game analysis consists of all-hair and all-wardrobe teams. Stuart Scott's eye starts to bother you more than ever. Chris "Boomer" Berman is way too excited. The Fox crew is making fun of Terry Bradshaw's illiteracy. The CBS crew is mocking Shannon Sharpe's speech impediment. Tiki Barber is

pouting.

And I'm missing it all, the wonderful pageantry that is the Super Bowl.

In Europe, and specifically in Italy, people know every American presidential candidate, from Clinton and Obama to Huckabee and McCain. However, no one could pick Tom Brady out of a lineup of one-legged dwarfs. Many people in Rome care about American politics more than Americans. Someone has to tell these Italians to get their priorities straight.

The quest for the Italian football fan in Rome was nothing more than a complete failure. Whenever I asked the question, "Who do you want to win the Super Bowl?" I received the same perplexed look, as if I asked if I could've kidnapped their daughter.

From the Metro to the bus system, from Italian teachers to pizzeria workers, the answers came back the same: "Who?" ... "What?" ... and the ever-popular, "Why?"

No one knew the game was on a Sunday. Tom Brady is known as Gisele's boyfriend.

No one knows the rules. No one cares to learn them.

After unscientifically polling Italian teachers, host families, Metro workers and bus co-passengers alike, I came to the following conclusion: People in America are more likely to watch cricket than Italians are to watch

the Super Bowl.

Not even the Manning family's witty commercials translate over the Atlantic Ocean. Manning? The gap in communication is larger than the one between Michael Strahan's teeth.

By the way, the game ended around 4:30 a.m. over here. No one was interested in staying up until dawn to watch grown men in tight pants and extensive pads release their childhood frustrations on each other.

Nevertheless, I held out some hope that Rome, one of the most well-known cities in the world, would at least show *some* interest in America's most famous sporting event, especially with a glut of out-of-towners like myself scattered here and there. I can only imagine what the people of Tuscany would've thought if I was there on Sunday evening. In case you don't know, Tuscany is home to wine and beautiful hills. Not exactly the best atmosphere for American football.

You will be hard pressed to meet an Italian who knows the names of the cities the teams are from, let alone the names of the teams themselves. However, I suspect if an Italian were to watch the Super Bowl, they would probably watch it for the same reason as those girls you go to respective Super Bowl parties with: the halftime show and the commercials. Both are worthless. Sort of like trying to watch American football in Italy.

## Swimmers prep for MAAC championships

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defeat Iona 160-129 and Fairfield 172-104.

"We had some people in different events today to be sure we had all our options covered for the MAAC championships," head coach Brian Loeffler said. "The team responded well by turning in some great times."

"Getting two wins for the men and women today was a nice way to send off our seniors," Loeffler continued.

Junior Tori Kamauff, sophomore Melissa White and freshmen Kim Krzaczek and Caitlin Cassidy opened the meet with a win in the 400-yard medley relay with a time of 4:05.76. Krzaczek also won the 100 breaststroke (1:08.64), while Kamauff won the 500 freestyle (5:10.27).

After studying abroad last semester, junior Emily Benton won both the 100 and 200 freestyle events (55.2, 1:57.73). She also placed second in the 50 freestyle (25.91) after being edged out by sophomore teammate Megan Royer (25.05).

"Emily Benton is swimming great after just coming back from studying abroad," Loeffler said. "She will be a tough person to beat come MAACs."

The women's team capped off their day by winning the 400 freestyle relay in 3:45.66.

The men proved their depth once again as they defeated Iona and Fairfield with many swimmers in events they are not accustomed to.

Senior Doug Alban won both the 100 and 200 backstroke events (55.92, 2:00.55).

"Doug Alban finished great today," Loeffler said. "I was especially happy for him to have such strong swims."

Another senior, Ian Perazelli also supplied a win for the H20unds with a win in the 1000 freestyle (10:25.83) and placing second in the 500 freestyle (5:04.54).

A number of other Hounds won events, including freshmen Sam McQuaid in the 100 and 200 freestyle (47.83, 1:44.44), John Wertz in the 200 butterfly (2:03.25) and Ozzy Torres in the 500 freestyle (4:51.73). Junior EJ Verrico won the 100 butterfly (52.89).

Blind swimmer Phil Scholz continues to shatter American S11 records and provide inspiration for the team. Scholz broke the records in the 200 butterfly (2:21.82), and the 500 freestyle (5:41.66) events.

The H20unds now will look for a MAAC crown at the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference championship meet, which will be held at the Magione Aquatic Center.

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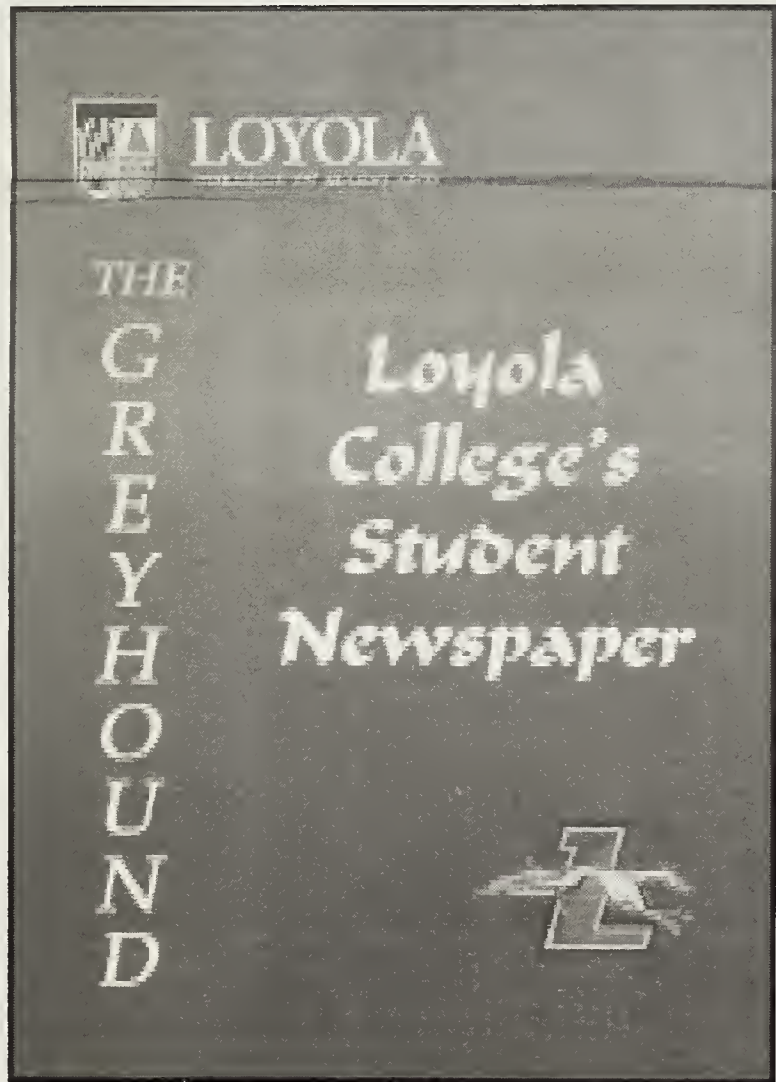
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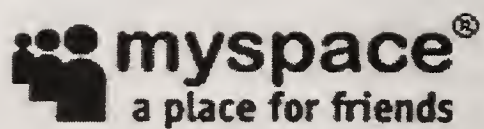
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